



# CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN



## May 2022 Newsletter

**Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler**

### Friendly Reminder's!

\*CASA volunteers should not transport any child, parent, caregiver etc.

\*Please be sure to see your CASA kids in a variety of environments throughout the reporting period.

\*School will be over at the end of the month; contact teacher prior to the last day of school for updates.

Sorry WE'RE  
**CLOSED**

May 30<sup>th</sup>-  
Memorial Day

### Easy Spring Craft:



### Birthdays!

5-Sharon Kraus  
5-Sandra Barger  
9-Audrey Hall  
13-Kathy Obert  
15-Tommi Schlueter  
18-Dawn Schank  
21-Erica Parrish  
21-Grace Crowcroft  
28-Lori Stice

Enjoy  
your day!

### Pike County

Learn & Grow

Topic: Book Club

(Maid)Chapter 11-22

When: May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Pike County office & via zoom ( 222 N. Monroe St. Pittsfield IL 62363)

### Morgan County

Networking

Topic: Treasure Not Trash:

Serving an Invisible Population

When: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: 10:00-11:00am

Location: Presbyterian Church



### Adams County

Noon Networking

Topic: Connect Child and Family

When: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Zoom & Hope Lutheran Church

### Hancock County

Networking

Topic: Domestic Violence and Its impact on Children

When: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: 12:00

Location: Legacy Theater(1160 Buchanan St)

Brown, Cass, Schyler

County

Learn&Grow

Topic: Educational Adocacy Webinar, IEP's

When: May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: 12:00pm

Location: First Evangelical Lutheran Church (301 W 4th St, Beardstown, IL 62618)

# HISTORY OF NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

Around 1830, a large population of homeless children emerged in big cities in the Northeast, including New York City. Some children were orphaned because of their parents dying of epidemics like typhoid and the flu, others were neglected due to poverty. At the time, three charitable institutions — The Children's Aid Society, Children's Village, and the New York Foundling Hospital, developed a program that allocated these homeless children into new homes.

## 5 FACTS ABOUT FOSTER CARE

### 1. 400,000 children

There are over 400,000 children in foster care in the United States on any given day.

### 2. Average age

Despite the common perception that the majority of children in foster care are very young, the average age of kids entering care is eight.

### 3. 71,000 children

In 2018, more than 71,000 children — whose mothers' and fathers' parental rights had been legally terminated — were waiting to be adopted.

### 4. Adoption waiting

Children available for adoption have spent an average of about one and a half years waiting to be adopted since their parental rights were terminated.

### 5. Relatives can help

Living with a relative can reduce trauma for a child in foster care, increase normalcy, and lead to establishing permanence. But relatives need our support when stepping up to take in a family member.