



January 2023

OVERCOMING WORRIES ABOUT REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Worry: “I don’t want to interfere in someone else’s family.”

Reality: Child abuse and neglect is NOT merely a family matter, and the consequences of staying silent can be devastating for the child.

Worry: “What if I break up someone’s home?”

Reality: A child abuse report does not mean a child is automatically removed from the home—unless they’re clearly in danger. Parents may be first offered support, such as parenting classes or anger management counseling.

Worry: “They will know it was me who called.”

Reality: Reporting can be anonymous. In most places, you do not have to give your name when you report child abuse.

Worry: “What I have to say won’t make a difference.”

Reality: If you have a gut feeling that something is wrong, it’s better to be safe than sorry. Even if you can’t see the whole picture, others may have noticed signs as well, and a pattern can help identify child abuse that might have otherwise been overlooked.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our offices will be closed on January 2nd. The staff at Advocacy Network for Children would like to wish you and your family a happy, safe and healthy new year. May the year be filled with hope, love and happiness for you and your loved ones.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

02 Office closed
12 CASA Noon Networking—Quincy
16 Office closed

February

09 CASA Noon Networking—Quincy
13 Office closed
20 Office closed

We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- CASA Volunteers
- Fundraising
- Mailings

If you would like to help, please contact our office at 217-223-2272.

Our agency could not continue its mission of advocating for children without your help. You can help by:

- Monetary Donation
- ANC Foundation Donation
- Office Supply Donation

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

If you are a member of a church, business, or service organization and would like more information about our agency and its mission of protecting the children in our community, we would love to schedule a time to speak with you. Just call the office to set up a time.

PREVENTION PROGRAM

Advocacy Network for Children offers a child sexual abuse prevention program to schools, pre-schools, and other organizations throughout West Central Illinois at no cost. Illinois law requires schools to implement a child sexual abuse prevention program to students in Pre-K through 5th grade. We provide the program to students Pre-K through 5th grade. The curriculum we use, Happy Bear and P.S. It's My Body!, is evidence based and age appropriate. If you would like more information, would like to schedule a presentation, or would like to volunteer to help with presentations, please call the office.

CASA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DESPERATELY

We need CASA volunteers in all seven area counties we serve. Trainings will be held in the upcoming months in various counties. CASA volunteers are trained community volunteers appointed by a judge to speak up for abused or neglected children in court. Trainings are free and all materials are provided. No special experience is required.

If you would like to be the voice for an abused or neglected child in our community, please call the office at 217-223-2272 or Danielle Buss, CASA Manager, at 217-617-5438. Additional information about our CASA program and upcoming trainings will be available on our website or Facebook page as they are scheduled.

IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Brittany and Cory Durst, and big brother Wyatt, on the birth of their baby boy, Liam Robert, who made his early arrival on December 10th. Brittany is a CASA Coordinator in Adams County. The family is doing wonderful and we wish them all the best during this exciting time.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who made a donation to the agency this past year. Grants only pay a portion of our budget but because of your generosity, we were able to provide services to children who have been abused and neglected in our community.

Your thoughtfulness and support of our agency is truly appreciated!

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