



# CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN



## June 2023 Newsletter

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

### Friendly Reminder's!

\* Our office foyer will be locked at the end of day and weekends going forward for added security reasons.

\*Per the statute, court reports MUST be submitted to all parties no less than 7 days prior to the court hearing. Please ensure you are getting reports to your coordinator in a timely manner.

\*We are halfway through the year. 12 hours of continuing ed are due by the end of 2023.

### Holidays

**Juneteenth:  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



### Birthdays!

3-Lyn Dietz  
3-Megan Ramirez  
6-Kathy Fellhauer  
7-Caitlin Hickerson  
14-Judy Dillard  
16- Lori Orr  
19-Dawn Owren  
21-Lisa Hoffman  
25-Jessica Funk  
29-Cindy Trower

**Enjoy  
your day!**

**Adams, Pike,  
Brown/Cass/Schuyler  
County's  
Noon Networking**

**Topic: YWCA Housing  
When: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Time: 12:00pm  
Location: Hope  
Lutheran Church and  
Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82792103342>**

**Please have camera's on if you are participating via zoom**



### Webinar-Youth Tobacco and Vaping

Here's the link:  
[Bing Videos](#)

### Hancock County

**Networking  
Topic: Minimum Sufficient  
Level of Care  
When: June 9, 2023  
Time: 12:00pm  
Location: Hancock CASA  
Office**

### Morgan County

**Learn & Grow  
Topic: Knowing The Signs of  
Suicide  
When: June 21, 2023  
Time: 10:00-11:00  
Location: Presbyterian Church  
Library**

## Teen Vaping; Health Crisis

Vaping among preteens and teens has reached a crisis point, according to a 2019 survey, and it threatens to undo years of public health efforts that had led to a decline in nicotine use.

Parents should be concerned because:

- Vaping increases the risk of teens developing an addiction to nicotine.
- Vaping exposes children and teens to harmful metals and toxic chemicals found in e-cigarettes.
- A mysterious, vaping-related illness is on the rise: e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury (EVALI).

### Harmful chemicals and a new mysterious lung illness

We've learned more about the hazards of vaping by identifying some of the chemicals found in the solvents of vapes, sweeteners and flavorings, and how they change when they are heated into an aerosol. We've also learned what is in the bodies of teens who vape: heavy metals, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nicotine.

"We are seeing the direct health harms from e-cigarette use, and prevention is the most effective tool," says Dr. Jenssen.

Those direct health harms include a dramatic rise in acute lung injuries associated with vaping, known as EVALI. It's unclear what is causing the condition, but the common denominator is e-cigarette use. Across the United States, more than **2,660 cases of EVALI hospitalization or deaths** were reported to the CDC, as of Jan. 14, 2020. Sixty deaths related to EVALI were confirmed in 27 states and the District of Columbia during the same time. "These are lung injuries that look like the person worked in a chemical plant for years," says Dr. Jenssen.