



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN



October 2023 Newsletter

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

Friendly Reminder's!

*We have been informed that background checks for staff and volunteers will be required every **TWO** years. This appears to be a change from the State of Illinois, not necessarily DCFS. Your coordinator will contact you when you are due to fill out the background form.

*October 13th is our annual fundraiser dinner. RSVP date has been moved to 10/4/23. So, you still have time to get your RSVP in! We are ready to "tailgate and celebrate" with all of you!

Sorry We're
CLOSED

Our office will be closed
October 9th for Columbus
Day!

Optima Reminder

When adding contact notes and time in OPTIMA please ensure you are adding it in quarter segments.
(.25, .50, .75, 1, etc.)

Birthdays!

1-Pat Pennell
14-Andi Clark
15-Steve Rees
16-Denise Albsmeyer
22-Jessica Howard
23-Sherrie Emerick
25-Jenna Harrelson
27-Whitney Mintert
28-Jeanne Flint

Enjoy your
day!

Adams, Pike, Brown, Cass, Schyler Counties

Topic: Hobby Horse-
Parenting Classes
When: October 12th, 2023
Time: 12:00pm
Location: 1420 Harrison
Quincy, IL 62301 and Zoom

Link for Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83666096271>

*Please note location
change*



Webinar- How to advocate for babies

Here's the link: [Episode #59
Advocating for Babies
\(buzzsprout.com\)](#)

Hancock County

Topic: How to Use Optima
When: October 20th, 2023
Time: 12:00pm
Location: Hancock CASA
Office

Morgan County

Topic: Prevent Child Abuse
Training Overview
When: November 9th, 2023
Time: 12:00pm
Location: 800 West College
Ave. Jacksonville, IL 62650

Baby Milestones

- Babies grow, learn, and reach developmental milestones through relationships and play.
- Developmental milestones track changes in babies as they learn to move, see, hear, communicate, and interact with others.
- Remember development happens over time. Differences among babies are usually nothing to worry about. If something does not seem quite right, it's important to request a referral so the child can be seen by a professional.
- It is important to remember babies born exposed to substances may have short or long-term effects. A Long-term effect may include problems with development, learning and behavior throughout childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.

