



October 2023

THE WHISTLE IS ABOUT TO BLOW

The agency's annual fundraising dinner is set for Friday, October 13th, at The Ambiance in Quincy. There is still time to make your reservations for this fun, casual and enjoyable event. If you would like to attend the dinner, please call the office at 217-223-2272 and ask to speak to Diane. **Reservations and payment were due by September 29th but we have extended the date to October 4th.** Reservations can also be made at www.eventbrite.com. Reservations are \$50.00 each or a table of 8 for \$400.00.

The committee has been working hard planning a lot of exciting things that you won't want to miss. There will be a live auction, silent auction, raffles, games and more. Trips to Florida, Colorado, and Gulf Shores as well as home makeovers, décor, golf packages, kids packages, spa packages, and bourbon packages are just a few of the items being auctioned off. There is something for everyone!

The dinner is the agency's major fundraising event of the year and helps us provide critical services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

For additional information, you can visit the agency's Facebook page or website at www.advonet.org. We hope to see you there!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October
04 CASA guided learning informational mtg
09 Office closed
12 CASA Noon Networking
13 Fundraising Dinner
November
01 CASA guided learning informational mtg
09 CASA Noon Networking
10 Office closed
23-24 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.

GUIDED LEARNING FOR CASA VOLUNTEERS

We are in desperate need of CASA volunteers. There are still 2 more months to attend an informational Zoom meeting regarding the new guided learning being held on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. through November. Guided learning allows a person to train on their own time, in their own home and on their own schedule. If you ever wanted to become a CASA volunteer and couldn't commit to a full week's training or an accelerated training on a weekend you weren't available, this is for you.

For more information, please call the office and speak to one of our CASA staff or visit the agency's Facebook page.

CHILDREN LIVING IN METH LABS

Children living at methamphetamine laboratories are at increased risk for severe neglect and are more likely to be physically and sexually abused by members of their own family and known individuals at the site.

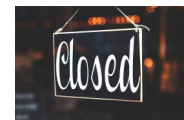
Parents and caregivers who are meth dependent typically become careless, irritable, and violent, often losing their capacity to nurture their children. In these situations, the failure of parents to protect their children's safety and to provide for essential food, dental and medical care (including immunizations, proper hygiene, and grooming), and appropriate sleeping conditions is the norm. Older siblings in these homes often assume the role of caretaker. Some addicted parents fall into a deep sleep for days and cannot be awakened, further increasing the likelihood that their children will be exposed to toxic chemicals in their environment and to abusive acts committed by the other drug-using individuals who are present.

Children living at meth lab sites may experience the added trauma of witnessing violence, being forced to participate in violence, caring for an incapacitated or injured parent or sibling, or watching the police arrest and remove a parent. Many children who live in meth homes are also exposed to pornographic materials or overt sexual activity.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/children/pg5.html>

OFFICE CLOSED

Our offices will be closed on Monday, October 9th, in observance of Columbus Day.



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