



**CASA**  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**



## March 2025 Newsletter

Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler, Scott

### Friendly Reminders!

\*Background and mandated reporter training are due every two years. Brittany Durst will send out a reminder when yours is due, please ensure to get this completed for her in a timely manner.

\*If you are an active volunteer and do not currently have a case, please let your coordinator know if you are wanting a case.

\* Please help us welcome Kelsy Roig our Pike CASA Coordinator Assistant and Chelsea Ewing our Morgan County CASA Coordinator!

### Adams County In-Service

When: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time: 5:30-7:00pm  
Location: Adams CASA Office

Join us to gain 1.5 hours of continuing education. Adams County Sheriff's Deputy Jared Summer and K9 Chase to give K9 presentation.

### Birthdays!

5-Donna McVeigh  
12-Christina Butler  
17-Pat Manker  
18-Chris Brierton  
19-Brooke Hunsaker  
20-Jeanne Smith  
24-Julia Vincent

Enjoy your  
day!

### Adams, Pike, Brown, Cass, Schuyler Counties

Noon Networking  
Topic: DCFS Investigation-  
Tammy Conboy  
When: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time: 12pm  
Location: Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84537699764>

Meeting ID: 845 3769 9764



### Webinar- Childhood Neglect with PCAI

Link: [Childhood Neglect with PCAI : Recorded Webinar Registration Forms : On Demand Training Library : Resource Library : Illinois CASA](#)

### Hancock County

Networking  
Topic: Gavin O'Neil, Licensed Clinical Social Worker w/ the new Memorial Medical Clinic Mobile  
When: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time: 4:30pm  
Location: Carthage CASA Office

### Morgan County

Networking  
Topic: Introductions-Chelsea Ewing  
When: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time: 12:00pm  
Location: First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville IL.

# DEALING WITH CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT DISCLOSURE TIP SHEET

(from a child's perspective)



- **Use words I will understand**

Always use age-appropriate words.

- **Never say you'll keep this a secret**

Never promise the child that you will keep what they tell you a secret. Explain to the child your role is to ensure she is safe.

- **Don't tell everyone**

Although you cannot promise to keep the information a secret, you should assure the child that you will not share this information with her peers or anyone who really does not need to know about it to keep her safe.

- **Explain you still care about me**

Reassure the child that what she told you will not change the way you feel about her. Children are often afraid that you will think they are bad, or that what happened to them was their fault.

- **Disclosure may be difficult for me**

Always keep in mind how difficult it has been for the child to tell you this. Remember:



- They may have been threatened not to tell.
- They may feel embarrassed or ashamed.
- They may have tested others and decided it was not safe to disclose.
- They will be watching your reaction very carefully.

As often as possible, try to keep the child informed about what will happen next. She will likely be very anxious. If appropriate, let the child know you will be calling DCFS and explain that it is the job of DCFS to keep children safe.

- **Find out answers for me**

The child will probably have lots of questions about what will happen that you cannot answer. Don't make up an answer. It's OK to tell the child that you don't know what will happen. It may help to tell the child that you know this is hard for her.