



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



# October 2025 Newsletter

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

## Happy Birthday!

1- Pat Pennell  
9- Savannah Caputo  
14- Andi Clark  
16- Densie Albsmeyer  
19- Joni Churchill  
23- Sherrie Emerick  
25- Jenna Harrelson

## Happy Anniversary!

Megan Ramirez- 3 Years  
Julie Bruninga- 7 Years  
Emily Gittings- 1 Year  
Brooke Hunsaker- 7 Years  
Anne Meyer- 7 Years  
Brooke Stokes- 7 Years  
Joni McLees- 4 Years  
Nancy Pettit- 3 Years  
Michala Westfall- 2 Years  
Andi Clark- 4 Years  
Kylee Straube- 7 Years

## CASA September Numbers



CASA served 489 children.



12 children cases closed.



146 children awaiting a CASA.



7 newly assigned children

## CASA Policy Reminders

CASA volunteers **must** see each child on their case at least **once every month**. These visits are essential to building trust and ensuring children's voices are heard.

CASA volunteers are encouraged to complete 12 hours of continuing education each year. IL CASA offers ongoing opportunities to help meet this goal and stay informed.

<https://illinoiscasa.org/news-events/>

## Learning Opportunities

Noon Networking via zoom available to all counties will be October 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. This is a continued monthly series presented by Chaddock. This training will be focusing on helping CASA volunteers engage with and respond to clients who have been exposed to trauma and have disrupted relationships  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84537699764>

Hancock County Networking will be October 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm at the Hancock Co. CASA Office.

Morgan County Networking will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville at 12pm. Come learn about domestic violence awareness month for CASA.

## Reminders

### 🕒 Office Closed

Our office will be closed October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in observance of Columbus Day.

### 🍷 Tailgate to Celebrate

Our annual fundraiser is October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ambiance in Quincy, IL! As a thank you, all current CASA volunteers receive a complimentary ticket for themselves and one guest. Please call the office 217-223-2272 to RSVP by October 3, 2025. Hope to see you there. Dress attire is sports team/casual.

### 📁 New Partnership

We're excited to partner with Covered Bottoms Diaper Bank! Families with CASA children under age 3 can receive 50 diapers and a pack of wipes each month—free of charge. (Brands may vary.) For details, contact Brittany at [bdurst@advonet.org](mailto:bdurst@advonet.org)