



JANUARY 2020
Winter Edition

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Independent Training Suggestions

Movies

- Joker
- Beautiful Boy
- Ben is Back
- Glass Castle
- Instant Family

Netflix

- Unbelievable
- When They See Us
- Short Term 12
- 6 Balloons

Books:

- Glass Castle
- Minding Frankie
- Necessary Lies
- Evicted
- The Other Wes Moore

Geauga County Juvenile Court
CASA FOR KIDS OF GEAUGA COUNTY

Year in Review

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020...the year of insight or better vision.

Dear CASA Volunteers,

As 2019 drew to a close the staff counts our blessings for each and every one of you. Because of you, we have served 175 children this past year as their voice in court. We opened over 90 cases. As a team we worked to close 96 cases. 70 children were reunited with their families. The CASA for Kids of Geauga County Volunteer CASA's MADE a tremendously positive DIFFERENCE.

In 2017 when I began as Director we had 76 CASA Volunteers listed with the Geauga County CASA

program. This year we had 66 CASA's serve our children. We are blessed to continue to grow so that we may serve our children and families. 15 new CASA's joined our team.

Please continue to talk about all the great work you do! People are listening and you all are recruiting some fabulous volunteers. You all are the voice of these children in and out of the courtroom. Thank you for your tremendous generosity of heart.

So, with vision for 2020 in mind we have set goals for the program.

2019

SAVE THE DATE!!!

DON'T MISS OUT on this year's 26th Annual "Celebrate Kids" Conference in Columbus on September 22th - 25th.

Your attendance will award you with the mandatory 12 hrs. of annual training, not to mention the abundance of information shared during this conference.

Reserve your spot TODAY!.



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We plan to:

1. train 12 more volunteers to serve our children so we aren't spread so thin in crunch times.
2. to utilize 70 of you this year on cases.
3. to provide 18 rule 48 trainings
4. to allow for 20 volunteers to attend the Ohio CASA Conference free of charge
5. to account for 7,500 volunteer hours
6. And to develop a better social media presence

to them, we are here to help! Simply, talk to your Supervisor. Let them know where and how your child need shelp. The CASA Staff will help you fill out a request form and send it on to HHC (Hearts & Hands of CASA) for review and approval.

We are here for you and we want to support you. Thank you for all you do for all our kids.

Heart and Hands of CASA is Here to Help!

The Mission of Hearts & Hands of CASA Geauga County, is to support CASA for Kids which advocates for abused, neglected and dependent children who have come under the protection of the juvenile court: providing resources to help **when, and where, traditional resources do not reach.**

If your CASA kid needs resources that are not available

Question of the Day:

What organization provides funding for enrichment activities for CASA children and training for CASA volunteers?

Heart and Hands of CASA

"Nothing you do for children is ever wasted."

Like us on Facebook!

CASAforKidsofGeaugaCounty



THE CASA COMMUNIQUE

We have blankets, boys and girls, and books for all of you to come take to your visits. You are welcome to use this as an introduction of yourself to the child/ren. Sometimes these kids will tell you more when direct questions are not

Take-A-Tip from CASA Supervisors

As your case progresses, we will receive Notices of Filing from the JFS Case Workers and Case Management. A Notice of Filing tells us that the Case Worker or Case Management has filed a document in your case. The documents filed can be many different things: Case Plans, amended Case Plans, therapist's reports/mental health assessments, parenting coach notes, drug test results, paternity results, school records, probation violations and more.

We are able to view a few of these documents on the Court's Docket, for example, a Case Plan, and in that case, we will look it up and

D.E.A.R TIME Drop Everything and Read.

asked. Our goal is to help you build rapport with these kids and by leaving a book and blanket they have a constant reminder you are there for them. We have some extra's for boys

size 4-7. (PJ's and a stuffed animal).



send you the document. However, there are many documents that we are not able to obtain after filing. When we receive a Notice of Filing, we will ask our CASA Volunteer to go to either the Clerk's Office at Court or to JFS to review the document. Documents filed by JFS will appear in both files. Documents filed by Case Management can only be found in the Court file.

If you need to go to the Clerk's office, please wear your ID badge and bring your GAL Appointment and the Notice of Filing. The Notice of Filing will help you to find the document you need to review

in the Court's file. If you need to review the document at JFS, please contact the Case Worker to make an appointment.

We don't have a preference as to how you review the JFS documents; please choose the method that is most convenient for you. What we do recommend, is that you review all documents in a timely manner as the Notices of Filing are received regularly in every case. We also suggest that you review the Court file and the JFS file when preparing your report for Court, if time permits, to make sure that you have the most recent information on your case.

UPCOMING TRAINING OFFERINGS : JANUARY-MARCH 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	2020 Q1 Events	RULE48?	HRS	F/UP
January						
1	TUE	14-Jan	12:30p-2:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Danielle Green-Welch, Academy Director - "First Star Kent Academy"	2020-14	2.0
2	THURS	16-Jan	12:30p-2:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Beth Williams, Director of Probation , - "Juvenile Probation"	2020-419	2.0
February						
3	TUE	4-Feb	12:30p-2:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Ann Walden, Juvenile Case Management - "Parenting Classes"	2020-423	2.0
4	TUE	11-Feb	12:30p-2:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Natalie Smith, Child and Family Program Director, Ravenwood Health "Bridges Program"	2020-424	2.0
5	TUE	18-Feb	12:30p-2:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Michael Hurst, Juvenile Staff Attorney - "Presenting Evidence"	2020-421	2.0
6	TUE	18-Feb	2:30p-4:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Scott Wayt, Juvenile Case Management - "Resource Center"	2020-425	2.0
7	TUE	25-Feb	12:30p-2:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Tracy Jordan, Victims Advocate w/ Geauga County Sheriff, and Claire Spada, Lake Geauga Recovery Center "QPR: Suicide Prevention and Awareness"	2020-422	2.0
8	FRI	28-Feb	1:30p-3:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Dr. Afsarifarad, Premier Behavioral Health - "Parental Alienation"	2020-420	2.0
March						
9	TUE	3-Mar	12:30p-2:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Sonia Ferecnik, Ohio Domestic Violence Network - Children Exposed to Domestic Violence	2020-13	2.0
10	TUE	10-Mar	12:30p-2:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Morgan Whitely, Family Pride - "School Programs"	2020-15	2.0
11	FRI	20-Mar	12:30-2:30p	CASA CAFÉ - Matt Peterson, Lake Geauga Recovery Center - Meth Awareness	2020-34	2.0

Finally, always feel free to contact us if you need assistance with anything on your case including the review of documents. We are always happy to answer any questions or help you navigate your case!

- Please remember ALL Independent Training (i.e. books, seminars, etc.) must have an ITR form submitted.
- By the end of the calendar year, volunteers with ONE YEAR or more of service **must** have completed (12) hrs of Ongoing Training. Of those hours, (6) hrs must be Rule 48, (2) hrs must be on Trauma.