



July 2020
Summer Edition

Rule 48 Training from Home

The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez is a 6-episode Netflix series we are offering for 6 Rule 48-Hours

Little Fires Everywhere
Is 7 hours of Rule-48 and

Can be watched on HULU or Youtube

Independent Training Suggestions

Movies

- Just Mercy *
- Beautiful Boy
- Ben is Back
- Glass Castle
- Instant Family

Books:

- Just Mercy *
- Note's From No Man's Land
- Citizen
- Between the World and Me

(*) Rule 48 Hours



Geauga County Juvenile Court
CASA FOR KIDS OF GEAGA COUNTY

Director's Update

Dear Volunteers,

Thank you for hanging with our kids and our program through this pandemic. Some things have drastically changed and others have not. We need to have 12 hours of ongoing training with 6 hours being Rule 48 for each and everyone assigned to a case unless they have just finished pre-service this year. To the left is a list of options for you. If you need help in any way, please let me know. We need to meet this compliance requirement for our VOCA funding. Thanks in advance for your help.

In addition to the training requirement, is the hours requirement of in-kind work from all of you. Please include your phone calls, emails, texts, and drive time when you send these monthly hours to us. We sincerely appreciate the work.

Tessa is doing a fabulous job at learning 50 things at one time. I'd like to thank Sarah for a terrific handoff of all her institutional knowledge as administrator. We will work to keep our social media up to date especially on facebook. If you have a facebook account please add us to you list which spreads the word about all the fabulous work you all do to be the **voice of a child.**

New CASA Intern!

We had a new intern, Rylie Bretz, with us this summer. She is a rising junior at Boston College studying Applied Psychology, History, and Restorative and Transformational Justice on a pre-law track. She is enjoying learning about CASA, overseeing court cases, and observing court hearings with our supervisors.

Statically speaking...

TO DATE:

Assigned CASAs.....	55
Case Hours.....	2453*
Cases Open.....	38
Cases Closed.....	41
Work in Progress Cases.....	79

(*) Please submit your monthly hours timely! (hours = \$\$)



Volunteer Spotlight:

Maria Horvath

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER?

For many years I had seen advertisement in Chagrin Valley Times. 6 years ago I was at a point in my life that I had time to pursue. I am very glad that I did.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO SOMEONE CONSIDERING BECOMING A VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE?

This is not for the faint of heart. Be ready to park your judgmental self at the door. Do not be afraid to ask questions or clarification from service providers. If a parent is in a meeting with you and service providers, be the one to include them in the conversation - help them be a part of the discussion. Your CASA role is not to mentor (though you may), but to be a wide angle lens for the court. Providing a broad range of accurate data, so the Judge/ Magistrate can truly make informed decisions in the best interest of the child(ren).

IS THERE AN ACHIEVEMENT/ OR CONTRIBUTION THAT YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF?

Providing the Court with a detailed account of the case. Maintaining positive, regular communication with everyone involved: Case workers, parents, caregivers & service providers. Providing current case children and foster family with many activities and books throughout COVID-19.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US? The bonus of this role has always been the responsive, supportive staff. Truly, these are amazing women! I am incredibly thankful for each of them.

IS THERE A PARTICULAR MOMENT OR MEMORY THAT STANDS OUT FOR YOU?

I wish I could say there have been many happy endings, but that is not the case. My best memories are of visiting with the children and seeing them safe, happy and thriving while being cared for by extended family or foster parents.

HOW HAS THIS CHANGED YOU? Quite honestly, deeply. This role has given me an opportunity to reflect and ask myself the BIG questions: What have I been created for? How can I use my gifts in support of/ advocacy for others? How can I encourage others to see their gifts?