

### COURT and EVENT SCHEDULE

10/2/12	10:00 AM 2:30 PM	10-JA-195-7; 11-JA-179 10-JA-05; 11-JA-98 06-JA-107	CASA G. Williams CASA A. Williams CASA Dane	Permanency Review Permanency Review Permanency Review
10/3	3:30 PM	10-JA-149; 11-JA-14	CASA Ingle	TPR/Arrgn; TPR/PTC
10/4	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 1:30 PM 4:30 PM	07-JA-112-13 12-JA-60 08-JA-213-216,11-JA-205,134 12-J-6 11-J-15	CASA Malachowski CASA Perrin CASAs Sensel/Vining CASA Hopper CASA Schnell	TPR-Decision/Best Int Adjudication Status/Visitation Status/School Review
10/5	11:00 AM 4:00 PM	08-JA-173 09-JA-282 11-JA-98 10-J-30	CASA Gentry CASA Meyers CASA Sehr CASA Morrow	TPR/PreTrial Conf. Status/School Review/School Review
10/15	1:30 PM 2:30 PM 3:00 PM	09-JA-455 10-JA-359-60 10-JA-261-62	CASA Collopy-Norris CASA A. Siegenger CASA Gerdeman	Perm Rev; Status Status/Case Closure Status/Fam Drug Court
10/16	4:00 PM 4:30 PM	10-JA-121 10-JA-137	CASA Huguenin CASA Bondick	Permanency Review Status/School
10/17	4:30 PM	11-J-29 10-J-26,11-J-25 12-J-24,25	CASA Fierz CASA McKinney CASA Esmond	Status/School & Counseling Status/School Attendance Status/School Attendance
10/18	9:00 AM 1:30 PM	10-JA-235 08-JA-405-6,11-JA-414	CASA Gentry CASAs Keeling & Green	Status/Appeal TPR/Fitn Hearing
10/22	1:30 PM	08-JA-148-150	CASA Malachowski	Permanency Review
10/23	9:00 AM 1:30 PM 4:00 PM	08-JA-40 10-JA-75 03-JA-50-51	CASA Schultz CASA Perrin CASA Stone	Permanency Review Permanency Review Permanency Review
10/24	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	12-JA-230-32 10-JA-89-90	CASAs Condon & Geddes CASA DiTomassi	Adjudication TPR/Decision-BI
10/25	1:30 PM 3:30 PM	08-JA-17,07-JA-234-37 10-JA-218,11-JA-392	CASA Landsee CASA Clinton	Status TPR/Arraign
10/26	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 4:00 PM	05-JA-116 11-JA-403 10-J-19	CASA Erickson CASA Cultra CASA Leon	Status/Reas Effrts/DCFS Status Status/School
10/29	1:30 PM 3:00 PM 3:30 PM	08-JA-205-09,09-JA-166 10-JA-261-62 12-JA-60	CASA Snyder CASA Gerdeman CASA Perrin	Permanency Review TPR/PreTrial Conf. Adjudication
10/30	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 3:00 PM	08-JA-282,458 10-JA-19-23 10-JA-320-322 10-JA-64-65,11-JA-433	CASAs Woods/Nelson CASAs Reed/Walker CASA Barnett,Jr. CASA Waskiewicz	Perm Rev; Status/Consents Permanency Review Permanency Review Permanency Review

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**From Your Rep:**

CASAs:

As some of you know by now, Taryn is on maternity leave and I have been helping in the office part time. That means I get the honor of helping with the fall training session. We are looking forward to starting with a new group of volunteers on October 16th.

Since I have been in the office, it has never been more evident what a wonderful job the case managers do on a day to day basis. Not only do they answer the phone (which never stops), they are helping with report writing — making sure the children’s voices are heard in court. They are a wealth of information for you and me.

When you are in the office for a court case, make sure to stop in and say hello to me. It gives me a chance to put a face to a name.


A big thank you again to the office staff, and also to our wonderful volunteers.

Joan  
Joan.e.young4@gmail.com

**STATISTICS**

A sincere THANK YOU to all of our CASA advocates who continue to serve their children and the CASA program. Your contribution in hours and miles for September, 2012, total:

130 hours      1,011 miles  
Great Work, CASAs!



**CASA BIRTHDAYS**

To the following CASA advocates and friends who will be celebrating an October birthday:

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

<i>Tiltyla Stone</i>	<i>10/03</i>	<i>Peggy Davidson</i>	<i>10/19</i>
<i>6 years</i>		<i>New CASA</i>	
<i>Marge Malachowski</i>	<i>10/04</i>	<i>Sheron Kidd</i>	<i>10/20</i>
<i>7 years</i>		<i>New CASA</i>	
<i>Paula Bry</i>	<i>10/05</i>	<i>Ed Kuhlman</i>	<i>10/19</i>
<i>7 1/2 years</i>		<i>CASA Friend</i>	
<i>Lonii Schindler</i>	<i>10/05</i>	<i>Mary Lou Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>10/22</i>
<i>New CASA</i>		<i>CASA Friend</i>	
<i>Teresa Woods</i>	<i>10/06</i>	<i>Paula Hallden</i>	<i>10/24</i>
<i>2 1/2 years</i>		<i>2 years</i>	
<i>Mary Beth Thomas</i>	<i>10/07</i>	<i>Jeanne Shipman</i>	<i>10/24</i>
<i>3 years</i>		<i>3 1/2 years</i>	
<i>Don Bondick</i>	<i>10/12</i>	<i>Kate Schnell</i>	<i>10/27</i>
<i>1/2 year</i>		<i>3 1/2 years</i>	
<i>Bernie Sehr</i>	<i>10/12</i>	<i>Paula Anderson</i>	<i>10/29</i>
<i>14 1/2 years</i>		<i>2 years</i>	
		<i>Mary Whitesel</i>	<i>10/30</i>
		<i>8 1/2 years</i>	

## THANKS !!!

We want to thank and recognize the following CASAs and Board members who turned in a timesheet last month. We appreciate your extra effort!

<b>David Buchen</b>	<b>Elaine Leslie</b>
<b>Raegan Caras-Hill</b>	<b>Kathy McCarty</b>
<b>Linda Cooper</b>	<b>Brandi McKinney</b>
<b>Leslie Erickson</b>	<b>Jo Marie Montalbano</b>
<b>Mary Kay Garganera</b>	<b>Fred Muehlfelder</b>
<b>Sue Gorski</b>	<b>Jenny Ralston</b>
<b>Darlene Hanna</b>	<b>Lonii Schindler</b>
<b>Barbara Havens-Shirk</b>	<b>Mindi Searle</b>
<b>Debi Hopper</b>	<b>Sheila Sensel</b>
<b>Marilyn Kloepfer</b>	<b>Pat Webster</b>
<b>Lisa Landsee</b>	

We also want to **thank** and **recognize** those CASAs who closed a case during the month of September. A CASA's dedication to the children they represent is greatly appreciated, and we are confident that efforts on behalf of these children will reap many benefits for them in the future. They are:

**Rose Donepanya**  
**Glenda Leslie**  
**Sara Mulvain**  
**Carole Perrin**  
**Kelly Schwenk**  
**Melisa Shank**

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## Fall, 2012, Training

We will begin our Fall Training on October 16, 2012. A complete schedule is included with this newsletter. All the classes, except the Court Process class on Nov. 1st, are again at St. James Parish Hall, downstairs in the Youth Room; the Hall is located behind (west of) the Church whose address is: 428 N. Second St. The Court Process class will be held in Judge Green's courtroom — PSB 2. Please join us for at least one class. It is a good review for CASAs, and it is very helpful to the trainees to meet and talk with experienced CASAs. Hope to see you there (and remember, it counts for your on-going training commitment).

## ITEMS FROM THE CASA OFFICE

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As we have done in the past, we will again be participating in the

### “Adopt an Angel”

program for the holidays this year. For those who are not familiar, Brenda Johnson, a supervisor in Juvenile Probation, works with several organizations (including CASA) to provide gifts for kids in foster homes, or just kids who won't be getting much, if anything, for the holidays. You are asked to spend about \$20. If you are interested, let the CASA office know **by October 22nd**. Then we will give the number to Brenda, who will then provide us with tags, giving the name of a child, and 3 gift possibilities (including sizes) for that child. Since we cannot give gifts directly to the CASA children we represent, this is a way to give them something extra during the holiday season. They won't know the gifts are from us, but we do enjoy the opportunity! Please let Wendi or Marie know if you are interested, and again, we must know by **Oct. 22nd**.



REPORT TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY CASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
September 13, 2012

STATISTICS (for August, 2012)

No. of ACTIVE Volunteers (assigned to casework) .....	115
No. of AFFILIATE Volunteers .....	33
No. of NEW Volunteers .....	<u>2</u>
TOTAL VOLUNTEERS .....	150

(Note: Husband/wife teams are counted as two individuals.)

No. of FRIENDS of CASA .....

58

TOTAL OPEN CASA CASES

as of August 31, 2012: 248 cases -- 111 families

TOTAL CLOSED/DISCHARGED CASA CASES (since 1987)

as of August 31, 2012: 1,793 cases -- 697 families

CASA CASES OPENED/ASSIGNED

during August, 2012: 0 cases -- 0 families

CASA CASES CLOSED/DISCHARGED

during August, 2012 21 cases -- 8 families

CASA COURT APPEARANCES

for August, 2012: 62

CASA VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT

(partners are considered as one available CASA) 8

REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS CONTRIBUTED for August, 2012:

194 fiscal year to date incl. Aug. 2,304

REPORTED VOLUNTEER MILES CONTRIBUTED for August, 2012:

1,150 fiscal year to date incl. Aug. 15,749

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY CASA PROGRAM**  
**Fall, 2012 – Training Schedule**  
(classes held at St. James Parish Hall, Youth Room \*\*)

<u>Day/Date/Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
1. Tues, Oct. 16 6:00 -- 9:00 PM	Introduction of Staff/Trainees/Overview of Training Role of CASA/Guardian ad litem Role of CASA Advocate Rep	Roseann Cannariato, Prog. Dir.  Joan Young, Adv. Rep.
2. Thurs, Oct. 18 6:00 – 9:00 PM	Child Development / Permanency Issues	Joan
3. Mon, Oct. 22 6:00 – 9:00 PM	Understanding Family Dynamics re: Substance Abuse  Understanding Families re: Mental Health	L. Primm, Rosecrance  Barbara Havens-Shirk, LCPC
4. Tues, Oct. 23 <b>3:30</b> – 6:00 PM	Carrie Lynn Center  Understanding Family Dynamics re: Sexual Abuse	Kathy Pomahac  E. Miller, Rkfrd Sexual Assault
5. Thurs, Oct. 25 6:00 – 9:00 PM	How Children Enter DCFS System / Investigations  Agency Panel Discussion: Case Participants / DCFS Child Welfare Services	T. Schnabel, DCFS Investigator  K. Reese, LSSI; J. Higgins, YSN
6. Tues, Oct. 30 6:00 – 9:00 PM	Understanding Families re: Poverty  Understanding Families: Domestic Violence	Roseann  Hon. Rosemary Collins
7. Thurs, Nov. 1 <b>5:30</b> – 8:30 PM <b>** Courtroom PSB2</b>	Juvenile Court Process: Shelter Care Hrng/Pretrial Conf/ Adjudication/Disposition/Perm Revw/TPR	Hon. M. L. Green; Attorneys
8. Mon, Nov. 5 <b>4:00</b> – 7:00 PM	Cultural Awareness	Joan / Roseann
9. Tues, Nov. 6 6:00 – 9:00 PM	Communication Skills, Interviewing CASA Role plays	Joan / Roseann CASAs
10. Thurs, Nov. 8 <b>4:00</b> – 7:00 PM	Report Writing Volunteer Safety	Roseann / Joan

CASA TIME SHEET

ADVOCATE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TIME PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY CASA IN-SERVICE MEETING, PLEASE MAIL OR DELIVER YOUR TIME SHEET TO THE CASA OFFICE (403 ELM STREET, ROCKFORD, IL, 61101) BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

<u>TIME INTERVALS</u>	
<u>MIN</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1-15	= .25
16-30	= .50
31-45	= .75
46-60	= 1.00

- SUGGESTED JOB DESCRIPTIONS
- File review at DCFS
  - Review of case at FA
  - Court observation
  - In-Service
  - Observing visit
  - Time with CASA child
  - Other interviewing time
  - Phone calls
  - Conference with coordinator
  - Court report preparation
  - School meeting
  - Other (specify)

DATE	JOB DESCRIPTION	TIME	EST. MILES
<b>TOTAL TIME AND MILES REPORTED FOR THIS TIME PERIOD</b>			