

### COURT and EVENT SCHEDULE

5/1/12	9:00 AM	10-JA-19-23 11-JA-219, 12-JA-92	CASAs Reed/Walker CASA Schiller	Permanency Review Permanency Review
	1:30 PM	08-JA-1290-295 10-JA-158	CASAs Gibson/Wing CASAs Donepanya/Shank	Permanency Review Status- School
	2:30 PM	10-JA-46	CASA Chandler	Review
	3:30 PM	08-JA-236-239	CASA Richardson	Permanency Review
	4:00 PM	10-JA-320-322	CASA Barnett Jr	Permanency Review
	4:30 PM	10-JA-312 10-JA-137	CASA Manley CASA Bondick	Status- School Status- Services
5/2/12	9:00 AM	11-JA-414	CASAs Green/Keeling	Status- Placement
	10:00 AM	09-JA-71	CASA Fox	Review & Status
5/3/12	9:00 AM	10-JA-72-73, 131-132, 11-JA-105-106	CASA Fierz	Review
	10:00 AM	08-JA-282-283, 458, 10-JA-269	CASAs Nelson/Woods	TPR- Adjudication
	1:30 PM	10-JA-211-212	CASA Meyers	TPR-Arraign/PTC
	3:30 PM	10-J-26		Status- School
5/4/12	9:00 AM	06-JA-129	CASA Hein	TPR- PreTrialConf
	10:00 AM	12-JA-60	CASA Fox	Pre-Trial Conference
	1:30 PM	07-JA-112	CASA Malachowski	TPR-Fitness/Poss BI
	4:00 PM	09-J-28 09-J-34 11-J-29 11-J-29 11-J-9	CASA Cameron CASA Taylor CASA Schnell CASA Sargent	Status- School Status- School Status- School Status- School
5/7/12	9:00 AM	06-JA-129	CASAs Donnelly/Timmerman	Status-School & lice
	1:30 PM	11-JA-244-247	CASA Ecklor	Status
	3:00 PM	10-JA-46 10-JA-261-262	CASA Chandler CASA Gerdeman	Status- FDC Status- FDC
5/8/12	9:00 AM	07-JA-85-86 10-JA-338	CASA L. Siegener CASA Bry	Status- Goal Change Status- Services
	10:00 AM	09-JA-46-47	CASA Ordway	Permanency Review
	4:00 PM	08-JA-244, 09-JA-316	CASA Lund	Permanency Review cont
5/9/12	9:00 AM	11-JA-381, 384	CASAs Griswold/Lund	Pre-Trial Conference
	1:30 PM	11-JA-336-337	CASAs Marko/Rutz	Adjudication
5/10/12	9:00 AM	09-JA-118	CASA Colletti	Disposition
5/11/12	4:30 PM	10-J-19	CASA Leon	Status- School
5/14/12	9:00 AM	09-JA-180-182	CASA Eagleson	Permanency Review
	10:00 AM	10-JA-121 11-JA-271-273	CASA Manley CASA Erickson	Permanency Review Permanency Review
	1:30 PM	08-JA-213-216	CASAs Sensel/Vining	Status- Paternity
5/15/12	1:30 PM	10-JA-172-173 08-JA-37-38	CASA Geissler CASAs Dendy/Marshall	Permanency Review Permanency Review
	2:30 PM	09-JA-451	CASA Shipman	Permanency Review
	3:30 PM	10-JA-191-193, 11-JA-117	CASA Johnson	Permanency Review
5/16/12	11:00 AM	08-JA-56, 09-J-3-4, 11-JA-98-101	CASAs Leslie/Mulvain	TPR-Arraignment
5/17/12	10:00 AM	12-JA-60	CASA Fox	Adjudication
5/18/12	2:00 PM	08-JA-173	CASA Gentry	TPR-Arraign/PTC
	4:00 PM	10-JA-257 09-JA-282 11-J-21 10-J-30	CASA A. Williams CASA Meyers CASA Fierz Casa Morrow	Status- School Status- School Status- School Status

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COURT and EVENT SCHEDULE, Continued

5/21/12	1:30 PM	09-JA-455	CASA Collopy-Norris	Permanency Review
	3:00 PM	10-JA-151-152	CASA Myrick	Status– Case Closure
5/22/12	1:30 PM	10-JA-64-65	CASA Waskiewicz	Permanency Review
	2:30 PM	10-JA-355-358	CASA Schneider	Permanency Review
		07-JA-297	CASA Pugliese	Permanency Review
	3:30 PM	10-JA-89-90	CASA DiTommassi	Permanency Review
	4:00 PM	12-J-6	CASA Hopper	Review-School
	4:30 PM	03-JA-50-51	CASA Stone	Status– School
5/23/12	10:00 AM	06-JA-129	CASA Hein	TPR-Adjudication
	4:30 PM	10-JA-440	CASA Schaal	Status– School
5/24/12	3:30 PM	06-JA-129	CASAs Griswold/Lund	Adjudication
5/25/12	10:30 AM	10-JA-235	CASA Gentry	Pre-Trial Conference
5/29/12	9:00 AM	08-JA-282, 458	CASAs Nelson/Woods	Permanency Review
	3:30 PM	11-JA-414	CASAs Green/Keeling	Permanency Review

**From Your Rep:**

Happy May Day to all!

To the older CASAs, remember when we were children we would make little baskets of candy, leave them on doorsteps, ring the bell, then run and hide?


This past weekend was the CASA dinner/auction at Forest Hills Country Club. A special thank you to all that attended this event. It was my first year to attend and it did not disappoint. We had a wonderful turnout with lots of great gifts to bid on, with a grand finale of the 50/50 raffle. The auction committee really did an outstanding job.

We had a very special speaker at the auction. Our own CASA, Rachel Schultz, spoke about her youth, and how a CASA helped her. She is now giving back to the community by being a CASA. It was very brave of her to share this and she moved many people with her story.

Hopefully if you were not able to attend this year, you will put it on your calendar for next year. This is our major fundraiser.

CASA would also like to send our thoughts and prayers to Karen and Dr. Thomas Schiller on the loss of their beautiful daughter, Anna. Karen has served on the board and is now a CASA. If anyone would like to donate to a memorial, please contact the office.

Joan Young



**CASA BIRTHDAYS**

To the following CASA advocates and friends who will be celebrating a May birthday:

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

<b>Robin Griswold</b>	<b>5/01</b>	<b>Arlene Williams</b>	<b>5/15</b>
<i>New CASA</i>		<i>7 years</i>	
<b>Elaine Leslie</b>	<b>5/02</b>	<b>Kate Ecklor</b>	<b>5/17</b>
<i>2 years</i>		<i>New CASA</i>	
<b>Pat Marshall</b>	<b>5/02</b>	<b>Kathy Donnelly</b>	<b>5/21</b>
<i>11 years</i>		<i>19 years</i>	
<b>Karen Baker</b>	<b>5/03</b>	<b>Elizabeth Gibson</b>	<b>5/23</b>
<i>1 year</i>		<i>5 years</i>	
<b>Kathy Vining</b>	<b>5/03</b>	<b>Rachel Schultz</b>	<b>5/26</b>
<i>12 years</i>		<i>1 year</i>	
<b>Cynthia Frank</b>	<b>5/14</b>	<b>Sara Mulvain</b>	<b>5/30</b>
<i>New CASA</i>		<i>9 years</i>	



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**June 15, 2012**

In 2012, our Winnebago County CASA Program is celebrating 25 years of advocating for abused and neglected children. We will be holding a very special Volunteer Appreciation / 25-year celebration on the evening of June 15, 2012, at Franchesco's. You should be receiving your invitation about the middle of May. We truly hope all CASAs will attend; you deserve to be recognized for all your devotion to, and efforts on behalf of, the children you have represented.

**ITEMS FROM**

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There are still 4 training classes remaining in the Spring session (full schedule is included with this newsletter). Please make an effort to attend at least one class. It is a good review for current CASAs and it is very beneficial to the trainees to hear from experienced CASAs.

**T H A N K S !!!**

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

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Raegan Caras</b>     | <b>Taryn Marko</b>     |
| <b>Sharon Cooper</b>    | <b>Kathy McCarty</b>   |
| <b>Sherri Cultra</b>    | <b>Bill Morrow</b>     |
| <b>Theresa Fox</b>      | <b>Jean Nelson</b>     |
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| <b>Rachel León</b>      | <b>Sheila Sensel</b>   |
| <b>Elaine Leslie</b>    | <b>Thelma Taylor</b>   |
| <b>Faye Marcus</b>      |                        |

**Spring, 2012, Training Swearing-in**

The Swearing-in for the Spring training will be held on Wednesday, **May 30, 2012**, at 5:30 PM. The courtroom has not yet been determined, so that information, and other details, will be sent to you by e-mail. We hope you will join us to welcome the new CASAs.

**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 April, 2012, total:

259 hours and 1937 miles

*Great Work, CASAs!*

REPORT TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY CASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
April 12, 2012

STATISTICS (for March, 2012)

No. of ACTIVE Volunteers (assigned to casework) .....	107
No. of AFFILIATE Volunteers .....	27
No. of NEW Volunteers .....	<u>2</u>
TOTAL VOLUNTEERS .....	136

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

No. of FRIENDS of CASA .....

58

TOTAL OPEN CASA CASES  
as of March 31, 2012: 283 cases -- 125 families

TOTAL CLOSED/DISCHARGED CASA CASES (since 1987)  
as of March 31, 2012: 1,739 cases -- 677 families

CASA CASES OPENED/ASSIGNED  
during March, 2012: 4 cases -- 1 family

CASA CASES CLOSED/DISCHARGED  
during March, 2012 10 cases -- 3 families

CASA COURT APPEARANCES  
for March, 2012: 65

CASA VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT  
(partners are considered as one available CASA) 7

REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS CONTRIBUTED for Mar., 2012: fiscal year to date  
181 incl. March:  
1,315

REPORTED VOLUNTEER MILES CONTRIBUTED for Mar., 2012: fiscal year to date  
1,510 incl. March:  
8,687

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

<u>Day/Date/Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
1. Wed, 4/18 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, 4/19 6:00 – 9:00 PM	Child Development / Permanency Issues	Taryn Marko, Adv. Facilitator
3. Mon, 4/23 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; M.E. Commare, YSN
4. Tues, 4/24 4:00 – 7:00 PM	Understanding Family Dynamics re: Substance Abuse  Understanding Families re: Mental Health	L. Primm, Rosecrance  Barbara Havens-Shirk, LCPC
5. Thurs, 4/26 5:30 – 8:30 PM ** Courtroom PSB2	Juvenile Court Process: Shelter Care Hrng/Pretrial Conf/ Adjudication/Disposition/Perm Revw/TPR	Hon. M. L. Green; Attorneys
6. Tues, 5/1 4:00 – 7:00 PM	Carrie Lynn Center  Understanding Family Dynamics re: Sexual Abuse	Kathy Pomahac  E. Miller, Rkfrd Sexual Assault
7. Thurs, 5/3 6:00 – 9:00 PM	Cultural Awareness	Taryn
8. Mon, 5/7 6:00 – 9:00 PM	Understanding Families re: Poverty  Understanding Families: Domestic Violence	Roseann  Hon. Rosemary Collins
9. Tues, 5/8 6:00 – 9:00 PM	Communication Skills, Interviewing CASA Role plays	Taryn / Roseann CASAs
10. Thurs, 5/10 4:00 – 7:00 PM	Report Writing Volunteer Safety	Roseann / Taryn

## 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.

TIME INTERVALS

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

SUGGESTED JOB DESCRIPTIONS

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

DATE	JOB DESCRIPTION	TIME	EST. MILES
TOTAL TIME AND MILES REPORTED FOR THIS TIME PERIOD			