

**Our CASAs have
All the Right Ingredients!**

CASA of Southeast Missouri, Inc.

APRIL 2010



April Monthly Meeting

The April monthly meeting is **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT!!! Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 6:30pm in the Kasten Conference room.** It is your night and we salute you for all you do! We will be enjoying dinner potluck style. CASA will provide the fried chicken and drinks as well as the paper goods – and we ask that each of you bring a side dish to share with everyone. Appetizer, salad, dessert, whatever you desire. Not only will you have a little learning opportunity but it will be a great chance to visit with fellow CASAs. Everybody attending will receive one attendance and one hour in-service for the night's activities. Any questions- please call the office! We think our CASAs have all the right ingredients and they rise to the occasion every time! Hope you all can make it!

March Meeting

March had two opportunities for in-service and attendance. The Mandated Reporter program in Bollinger County from 6-8pm and the video "The Medicated Child" from 6:30-8pm in the Kasten Conference room. For those of you attending the session in Bollinger County please feel free to stop by and check out the video we watched at your leisure. It is one hour in length and can be recorded as in-service after you fill out an in-service report form.

Summer is coming!

Remember how long the summer days can be for a small child. There are many ways to keep them busy and **you** can be a great resource for them. There are many camps going on in and around town. See what the requirements are and help your child get involved. Please help to make summer a happy time for your CASA children and not long hot days filled with nothing to do. CASA kids know their volunteers are good at getting things done, so jump in early and get them ready for summer!

These are a few places we have recommended in the past –

Boys and Girls Club camp

Salvation Army day camp

Cape County park conservation center

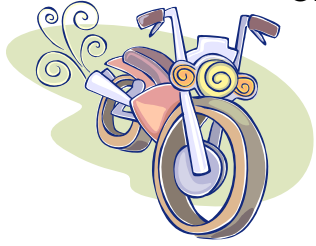
Day Springs Camp

BACA 2nd Annual Children's Fair was a lot of fun!

All who attended had a grand time and the Missouri Army National Guard once again provided so many things for this fair to be a success! Next year looks to be even better as support continues to grow. We will begin planning much earlier next year and we hope to reach many more kids! Many thanks go to: Volunteers: Rosalie Archer, Danielle Nagel, Jayne Shoptaw, Kay Lowery, Linda Reutzler, Jeanine Hager, and Board Members: Sharon Stanley and Susie O'Connell for their help. And to Aaron Horrell for the wonderful face painting art work he provided to all the children!

CASA Training Opportunities

May 21st and May 22 –We Care about YOUth Conference being held at Dempster Hall. We will have more information on this exciting training at our monthly meeting. It is Free!



CASA FUNDRAISER –

“CASA Poker Fun Run for the Children”

Saturday May 22, 2010

Registration: Beginning at 9:30 AM

Branding Iron Parking Lot

1903 E. Jackson Blvd

Jackson, MO

Ends at: The Bayou Pocahontas, MO

Last Bike out: 11 AM

Last Bike in: 4 PM

Prizes For Best and Worst Poker Hand; Scavenger Hunt and Mystery Prizes

We will need helpers for this event- be looking ahead on your calendar!

March Birthday Corner

March 10th Amond Williams
March 15th Pat Edwards
March 19th Sheryl Dunavan
March 19th Sara Ryan
March 31st Cathy Schroeder

April Birthday Corner

April 7th Melissa Rose
April 28th Julie Boitnott
April 29th Elaine Jackson
April 30th Phyllis Severs

Acronyms & Definitions IIS

Intensive In-Home Services

Intensive In-home Services (IIS) are intensive, short-term, home based, crisis intervention services offering families in crisis the alternative to remain safely together, averting the out-of-home placement of children whenever possible. The IIS program combines skill-based intervention with maximum flexibility so that services are available to families according to their unique needs. Among other services, family members may receive individual and family counseling, parenting education, child development training, household maintenance education, nutritional training, job readiness training, and referral to other community resources. Services provided are focused upon assisting in crisis management and restoring the family to an acceptable level of functioning.

IIS is based upon the belief that families can, through intervention, learn to nurture their children, improve their functioning, and gain support within their community to enable the family to remain safely together. The goal of IIS is to protect children through the enhancement of family capabilities. The IIS program is available throughout the state.

Who Is Eligible?

IIS may be appropriate for families that have a child or children at imminent risk of removal from the home due to abuse, neglect, family violence, mental illness, emotional disturbance, juvenile status offense, juvenile delinquency, or other such circumstances.