



CASA
of
Southeast Missouri, Inc.



February 2010

Meetings

FEBRUARY MEETING – THURSDAY, FEB.25. KASTEN CONFERENCE ROOM -

The February meeting will be the last night of training for a new group of nine prospective CASA volunteers. On this evening, we will have a panel night comprised of those current CASA volunteers that are present that evening. During February we have offered attendance and in-service to any CASA volunteers that attend one of our training classes. Please take advantage of those months with training classes to get your in-service and attendance! Classes left for February – Tuesday, February 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, and 25th. All classes are 6-8:30pm. Please call the office for confirmation of classes as the weather may cause a cancellation.

CASA VOLUNTEER EVALUATIONS

The annual evaluation process will take place this month. Staff will review each CASA's status (paperwork, in-service and attendance) for the year of 2009. Those that have not met the requirements will be placed on in-active status. Once placed on in-active status a CASA will be expected to fulfill the requirements not met in 2009. In addition, the CASA is expected to be current at the end of the 2010 calendar year. If you have questions about this process please call the office. I am still awaiting paperwork from a couple of you for the 2009 calendar year. Please turn this in as soon as possible so your status is as current as it can be. Many thanks for your help in this process.

CASA SERVICE AWARDS

February– There are no service awards for February 2010

CASA WEBSITE

Please use this tool-Check it often for updates, monthly newsletters, calendars, and to check out all the activities that CASA is involved in! It is a great resource for information!



For your CASA Children - Valentine's Day is fast approaching and we still have several Valentine's Day stuffed animals and toys for your CASA children. Please come in and pack a bag for your visit with them.

THANK YOU GO TO:

Barnes and Noble for their donation of books to our resource room! Many thanks for the Book fair designated to CASA of Southeast Missouri, Inc.

IN-SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Intervention and Hoarders TV shows are considered for in-service hours. We will give in-service credit to you for watching these programs; however, you must fill out a report form for each show watched just like any other movie, documentary, or book you preview. Check the listings for times and dates. The Hoarders program has several shows that deal with children and count for in-service. Intervention deals with addiction and substance abuse and a lot of our cases deal with that issue so we will give in-service for all of those shows.

Seminars- There are 2 seminars that are coming up in March and April that some of you may be interested in. They both have fees for attendance and registration is necessary. If you would like more information on either of these seminars, please contact Lori for more information and a registration form. The seminars are listed below with their dates and fees for attendance.

A Non-Violent Communication Workshop – April 15 & 16th \$55 early bird April 1st \$70 after April 1st.

Understanding Personality Disorders March 15th \$75 pre-registration \$80 on site registration



February Birthday Corner

February 6 th Larry Bill
February 14 th Sue Crossen
February 21 st Pat Sweeney
February 22 nd Sue Rees
February 26 th Natalie Ricks

Quotes to live by.....

It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing.

Mother Teresa

How does a child spell

L-O-V-E?

T-I-M-E

Author unknown

Acronyms & Definitions

FCS

Family-Centered Services

Family-centered Services are provided to families and children in their own homes when a child abuse or neglect investigation/family assessment response determination is “preponderance of evidence”, “unsubstantiated-preventive services indicated”, or “services needed”. These services are also provided to families who voluntarily seek help. Family-centered Services include a range of treatment and support services and are provided, as appropriate to the case treatment plan, by Children’s Division (CD) staff or are purchased from community agencies. Services include day care; family and/or individual counseling; evaluation and diagnosis; homemaker services; respite care; etc. The case treatment plan, developed with the family is designed to help the family change the conditions which brought them to the attention of CD, to help them to direct their own affairs and to provide suitable care for the children. The primary purpose of family-centered services is to improve and maintain the family unit for the well-being of children.

Who Is Eligible?

Families and children who voluntarily seek assistance, and families and children who have been the subject of child abuse and neglect investigations/family assessments with determinations of “preponderance of evidence”, “unsubstantiated-preventive services indicated”, and “services needed”.

Next Month – IIS.....