



*May showers bring
May flowers!*

CASA of Southeast Missouri, Inc.

May 2010



May Monthly Meeting

The May monthly meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 27th 6:30pm**. We will have a presenter from Lutheran Family Services, Molly Strickland, with us on this evening. She will be speaking on the services that Lutheran Family Services provide. It is a great opportunity to learn and to ask questions you may have. Hope many of you can come especially if you are behind in your attendance and hours. We are approaching the half way mark and requirements need to be fulfilled. Thank so much!

April Meeting

The April monthly meeting was our **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT**. We were delighted with everyone that was able to make it and hope everyone had a good evening. We wish we could make our event for you so much bigger because you are so deserving of it! Always remember how special you all are and how CASA cannot function without you! You are what CASA is all about and we are forever grateful that you care and want to serve the children of Southeast Missouri!

Summer is coming!

Just another reminder that those summer days have begun for the kids and help them stay occupied the best you can! There are lots of inexpensive ways to play and if you can meet them somewhere like the Conservation Dept. and enjoy the day at the park that would be awesome! Every day is a great day for a PICNIC! In addition, day camps and away camps are always possibilities, please keep them in mind. Come to the resource room and pick up some books for summer reading on those lazy days. We have lots of books and surely something for your children to enjoy. Plus there are crosswords, Sudoku, word search and coloring books to help with a long afternoon. Come by anytime!

CASA POKER RUN

MANY THANKS to all of you that helped out with the CASA Poker Run. We needed many people to pull that off and all went well! The day was absolutely beautiful and a great day for a ride! Thank yous go to: Volunteers - Amond Williams, Linda Reutzler, Mary Lowry, Ron Hahn, Danielle Nagel, and Board members – Terry Crowell, Lisa White, Sharon Stanley and Susie O'Connell. Also thank you to Linda's daughter, Lori and husband, Phil for helping Linda, Sue and I during the day. We had 35 bikers ride for CASA and everyone arrived safe and sound!!

Thank you to:

- Thank you to Jackson Middle School kids (Alisha Turley's Class) for their donation to the CASA Resource room. It is always appreciated!! And we love that kids are helping other kids!
- Thank you to Ellen Lukens for her monetary donation to our CASA Resource room

UPDATES!

CASA Training will begin this fall in the month of September and we hope you will help us spread the word! We are now taking applications for prospective Volunteers.

Our CASA BBQ will be held this fall as well so be on the watch for more information to come on that.

During the summer months, we will try to make sure the office is covered during the day however; it may be to your advantage to call before coming in to make sure someone is here. This is always a good thing to do year round with our office being part timed staff. Thanks so much!

May Birthday Corner

No May Birthdays to report!

June Birthday Corner

Connie Houston June 13th

Quote for the Month-

***Volunteers are LOVE in motion!
(We certainly agree with this one!)***

Author Unknown

Acronyms & Definitions IFRS

Intensive Family Reunification Services:

The Division shall provide services to the family to facilitate successful reunification and monitor the care the child receives. Services identified to support the family during the reunification period should be offered to the family, if needed, when the court terminates jurisdiction immediately. However, acceptance of services is voluntary on the part of the family. Families that can participate in the project must meet the following criteria:

- Goal is to return child(ren) to family AND this is not possible in the next six (6) months without extensive services;
- Safety issues preventing the child(ren)'s return have been identified;
- Family court agrees to return the child(ren) if family reunion is Involved;
- Parent(s) and child(ren) are willing to participate in the project; and
- The family has not been involved with Intensive In-Home Services in the past six (6) months.