



**CASA**  
of  
**Southeast Missouri, Inc.**  
**April 2008**

**You know what  
they say “April  
Showers bring  
May Flowers”**

### **Meetings**

The April monthly meeting scheduled for **April 24, 2008 at 6:30pm** will be a special event!!! We will be meeting at the **Harrison Room in Southeast Hospital** (this is the same place where we have held our swearing in banquets). We hope to see everyone there, as this is all about you!!! I will be contacting you in regards to the meal and your choices very soon. We have a special evening planned and I promise it will be very interactive. Plus loads of fun! Please mark this on your calendar!!

### **Training Opportunities**

#### **1. Free Workshop May 22, 2008**

Enhancing your Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence.

Registration deadline – April 10, 2008 This is an all day workshop at the Drury Lodge, Cape Girardeau. A complimentary breakfast and lunch will be served. Full registration details are in the office and we can fax in your form for you. Upon registering, please be committed to that date. They have featured trainers with the Battered Women’s Justice Project: Graham Barnes, Resource Specialist and Rhonda Martinson, Staff Attorney. If you need more information, please call the office. I will be sending out this form as a PDF file for you to view at home as well.

#### **2. CASA Training to begin soon- April 19<sup>th</sup>- May 15<sup>th</sup>**

If you know of anyone interested in being a CASA volunteer, please have them call the office. We have a speaker from Safehouse coming on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm and this is open to all current CASAs to sit in on and receive in-service credit. On May 15<sup>th</sup> we will need a panel group to come to our training class to share and answer questions of the prospective CASAs. Please call the office if this is something you are interested in. You will receive in-service credit for this.

#### **3. Web cast Series: Child Welfare**

*(I am running this again because I want to make sure you all copied it into your browser and went to the website to view. Not only is it good for in-service but it is very good information.)*

The NGA Center, in partnership with Casey Family Programs, is pleased to announce a series of web casts on improving outcomes for children and youth in the child welfare system. We encourage you to pass this invitation along to your colleagues who might be interested in this event. Please copy and paste the web site address in your browser. For in-service purposes, you would need to write a short paragraph about the web cast you watched.

**<http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga/menuitem.af624995eb41697a4ddcbeeb501010a0/?vgnextoid=bbe4edc8acf54110VgnVCM1000001a01010aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=8188aa9c00ee1010VgnVCM1000001a01010aRCRD&vgnnextfmt=print>**



## **NOTES TO OUR ADVOCATES-**

**We are currently holding an Independent Study with 5 prospective CASAs-**  
They will graduate on April 17<sup>th</sup> and hopefully will be sworn in on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Resource room – Library Materials**

Please make use of the DVDs and books we have here in our office if you need in-service hours.

### **CASA VOLUNTEER REVIEWS**

CASA Evaluations have been mailed out, with the last of them being mailed yesterday. Thank you for all you do to make us successful as advocates for children.

### **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!

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES-**

### **CASA Training –April 19-May 15, 2008**

Pass the word around town – spring training will begin soon. Applications now being taken, call the office at 335-1726!

### **CASA Volunteer Appreciation night Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

It is game night and you all are invited – because it is all about you!! Jeopardy fun will be our meeting but you can bet there will be plenty of eating!!! (And FUN) Southeast Hospital Harrison Room 6:30pm Watch for your flyer to come!! We are looking forward to this fun night with all of you.

### **Garden Gallery event May 2, 2008**

Flyer will be sent your way soon – watch for it. Great night of wine tasting and silent auction, plus a \$500 raffle. Help will be needed to man doors and food tables, etc. If you are available to help, please contact Lori.

### **PANEL NIGHT May 15, 2008 7-8:30pm**

Please let me know if you can be a part of this!

### **CASA FUN RUN - JUNE 2008**

Watch for more information on this to come!

Do you think to make a difference it requires great effort? Think again—

### ***“Making a Difference”***

***Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. \*Leo Buscaglia***

**Watch [www.blueribbonmovie.com](http://www.blueribbonmovie.com) – you can have much more impact than you think.**