



CASA Clippings

July 2014 Issue

" Every child is a different kind of flower,
and all together, make this world a beautiful
garden".

~Anonymous



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FOR CHILDREN

DENTON COUNTY

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The CASA of Denton County Office will be
closed Friday, July 4th in observance of
Independence Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

**Continuing
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Texas CASA
Webinar

LUNCH AND
LEARN!

*Communicating
with Children*

Facilitated by
Adam Robe
Foster Care
Alumni of
America

Wed., July 9,
2014
12:00 - 1:30 pm

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In-Service Opportunities LUNCH AND LEARN!



Communicating with Children

Adam Robe, CEO, Foster Care Alumni of America
Speaker/Trainer/Author at Robe Communications, Inc.

Lunch and Learn Opportunity

held at the CASA of Denton County Office
Bring your lunch, we will provide drinks and a sweet treat!
Wednesday, July 9, 2014
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
CEUs: 1.5 hours

It is important to understand what children hope for, feel and think. Just as it is important to help children understand who you are and what your role is in their life. This webinar will assist participants in gaining new skills and strategies for communicating with children.

RSVP: To attend the ***onsite Lunch and Learn at the CASA of Denton County Office***, contact Victoria Calvin, Training and Recruitment Coordinator, at vcalvin@casadenton.org.

To view this webinar live on 7/9, click [HERE](#) to register!

You can view the recorded session of this webinar at a later time. The recorded session will be available 1-2 days **after** 7/9. Advocates will receive an email when the recorded session is available.

In-Service Opportunity - 5 CEUs

*Increasing Access to Justice:
Responding to LGBT Survivors of*

Family/Sexual Violence

Hosted by Texas Advocacy Project, Denton Friends of the Family, and Black Transwomen, Inc.

Friday, August 1, 2014

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Registration is FREE!!

Lunch is on your own!

Denton Unitarian Universalist Fellowship - Miller Hall
1111 Cordell Street, Denton, TX 76201

Responding to LGBT Survivors of Family/Sexual Violence is a diversity training opportunity covering the intersection of domestic violence and sexual assault and people that identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered.



Topics include:

- *Counseling LGBT Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence*, presented by Lee Kinsey
- *Transgendered Violence*, presented by Camarion D. Anderson, Black Transwomen, Inc.
- *Advocating for LGBT Survivors Part I and II*, presented by Jose Juan Lara Jr., Director of Advocacy and Training, Texas Advocacy Project

Space is limited!

To register click **[HERE!](#)**

For more information contact Jose Lara, Jr. at
jlara@texasadvocacyproject.org



***CASA Advocates Doing Amazing Things!
Recognizing Lindsey Roennau, CASA Advocate***



For the month of July, we are recognizing CASA Advocate Lindsey Roennau. Pattie Huestis, Lindsey's CASA casework supervisor, shared the following about Debbie:

"Lindsey Roennau took her first case in December 2013, just 7 months ago. She went right to work, familiarizing herself with her case, which included two young children, and a plethora of relatives, both local and out of the area. Lindsey is diligent and has faced confrontation when things went awry. She stands up for her CASA children and ensures that their best interest is always at the forefront of her advocacy work. When CASA accepted several new cases this spring, Lindsey quickly took on a second case with two little boys! Lindsey spends time every day on some aspect of her case and is eager to see her CASA kids as often as possible. She has great instinct and is cautious with how she proceeds on her cases, all the while maintaining regular communication with all individuals associated with her cases, as well as her CASA Supervisor. Thank you, Lindsey, for your amazing advocacy and dedication to CASA." - Pattie Huestis, CASA Casework Supervisor

Thank you Lindsey for all that you do!

July 2014 CASA Advocate Small Group Meetings



It is time yet again for CASA Advocate Small Group Meetings. CASA Supervisors will be contacting advocates to schedule small group meetings in July 2014. Specific dates and times will be communicated by your casework supervisor, stay tuned!

SAVE THE DATE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**2014 Tolltag Triathlon
Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park
Sunday, July 27, 2014**

Benefiting

CASA of Denton County, Inc.



The 2014 Tolltag Triathlon will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at the Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, clean up, greeting participants at different intervals during the triathlon, and helping in the "kiddie area" during the event.

To sign up, send an email to Sherri Gideon, CASA Executive Director at sgideon@casadenton.org.

Wait! Before You Press Send! Email Etiquette for CASA Advocates

CASA advocates frequently use email as a primary mode of communicating with professionals and service providers about their cases. Electronic communication, like other forms of communication, should be conducted in a professional manner.



Here are a few things to keep in mind when sending case related emails.

- 1) Emails pertaining to CASA related business should be professional in tone, language, and content. **Remember, email is subject to discovery.**
- 2) Before you press "send", review your email for appropriateneses. If you are not sure about the lanuage, tone, or content of your email, **do not send the email!** Contact your CASA Casework Supervisor for guidance.
- 3) Decide if the message you want to communicate is appropriate for email, or if what you are trying to communicate requires face-to-face or phone contact,

particularly if what needs to be communicated is complex or difficult.

If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact your CASA Casework Supervisor.



Thank you for your service to CASA of Denton County, Inc. and the children we serve!

13 YEARS OF SERVICE

Colleen Evans

Susan Gleghorn

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Connie McAnally

Scott Cameron

6 YEARS OF SERVICE

Lynn Schwirtz

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Marcia Raines

Jamie McCormick

Wani Youh

3 YEARS OF SERVICE

Kimberly Muench

Julie Reiff

Melisa Mitchell

2 YEARS OF SERVICE

*Sarah Barker
Amy Wallace
Joyce Rademacher
Melissa Cooper*

1 YEAR OF SERVICE

*Bonnie North
Joy Lasley
Laura Meilinger
Emily Garrett
Kathi Flahaven
Shamaria Fahie
Dawn Hicks
Tracy Germansen-McCord
Shacarol Castle*



July Birthdays Here's to you and many more!

Sandra Faciane
July 2nd

Judy Agee
July 7th

Nancy Acee

July 8th

Carol Delbecq

July 15th

Ellen Wood

July 21st

Colleen Evans

July 21st

Ali Odom

July 22nd

Wani Youh

July 24th

Korey Dillard

July 27th

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