

# CASA Clippings

June 2016 Issue

"If you help a child, you don't have to spend years repairing an adult."

*~Anonymous*



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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

**To all of the fathers and father-figures,  
Happy Father's Day!**

**Volunteer to Help CASA of Denton County at the  
Denton Community Market!**



**\*DENTON\***  
**COMMUNITY MARKET**

**Advocates! Want to help spread the news about CASA of Denton County?**

**LUNCH AND  
LEARN  
Wed., June  
15th  
12:00 noon to  
1:00 pm  
Visitation  
Matters**

We are currently looking for advocates who would be willing to represent CASA Denton at the 2016 Denton Community Market! Last year CASA Denton had awesome success at this market and we are looking to participate in 2016!

**June 2016  
Court  
Calendar**

**Contact Us:**

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Avenue  
Denton, TX 76209



Cindy Carmack, CASA Advocate

It's so easy, all you would have to do is:

- Sign up for 1 or more Saturdays during the market season (April - November) - participate when you have time, no pressure!
- Show up and set up! Typical shifts - 9:00 am - 1:00 noon...you can even split a shift with another CASA Advocate!
- Chat with market goers!
- Hand out information
- Enjoy the market!

We are currently looking for volunteers on the following dates:

May 21st	June 4th	June 18th
July 9th	July 23rd	August 6th
August 27th	September 3rd	September 17th
October 1st	October 22nd	November 12th

**If you are interested in volunteering, contact  
Debbie Jensen at [djensen@casadenton.org](mailto:djensen@casadenton.org).**

**CASA Lunch and Learn: Visitation Matters**



**Texas Department of Family and Protective Services  
Presenter: Ashton Moore, CPS Supervisor**

**CASA of Denton County Office, Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

**12:00 noon - 1:00 pm In-Service: 1 CEU**

In 2013, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) began collaborating with the Children's Commission and other stakeholders to identify ways to enhance visitation practices, resulting in a more robust visitation framework of values and guiding principles meant to maintain the parent-child attachment, reduce the child's sense of abandonment and preserve the child's sense of belonging to a family and a community.

Come learn more about this program and other programs offered by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

**\*\*PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPOT IN ADVANCE!\*\* We are offering this training to CPS workers as well. Spaces are limited.**

To RSVP, contact Debbie Jensen at [djensen@casadenton.org](mailto:djensen@casadenton.org) or 940-243-2272.



**Sunday, June 12, 2016**

**Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park  
1301 South Railroad Street  
Lewisville, TX 75057**

**5:30AM Transition Opens**

**7:00AM Race Starts**

**11:00AM Course Closes**

Originally created by the Greater Lewisville Kiwanis Club to benefit CASA of Denton County, the TollTag Triathlon is now in its fourth year and quickly becoming a CASA tradition. This is an official USA Triathlon event managed by PlayTri for a fun, organized event that will be enjoyed by all racers, new and experienced. The triathlon includes a 500-meter swim, 11-mile bike and 5k run, and may be completed individually or by relay team. CASA is now directly accepting event sponsorship and volunteers. Registration will take place through the PlayTri website.

For more information and to register, click [HERE!](#)

Questions? Contact Jessica Ferricher, Development Director at [jferricher@casadenton.org](mailto:jferricher@casadenton.org)

## **CASA Advocate Spotlight!**

*Recognizing Nancy Acee, CASA Advocate*



*For the month of June, we are recognizing Nancy Acee, CASA Advocate. Here's what , Theresa White, CASA Casework Supervisor, shared about :*

"Nancy has been an Advocate for 2 ½ years. Her first two cases opened and closed with the children being reunited with their parents. Her third case was on a Return & Monitor when she agreed to take an additional case. Just like that, her Return & Monitor case took a bad turn and those children came back into care along with a brand new baby sister and a companion case of an older half-sister. The children now in 3 separate foster homes. Nancy has handled all of her extra responsibilities with grace and determination. Thank you Nancy!" - Theresa White

***Thank you Nancy for all you do!***

### **In-Service Opportunity:**

**Texas Challenge Academy**

**Presenter: Angela Osborne, Informational Specialist**

**CASA of Denton County Office,**

**Wednesday, July 20, 2016**

**12:00 noon - 1:00 pm**

**In-Service: 1 CEU**

The Texas Challenge Academy, formerly Seaborne Challenge Corps, is an education program of the Texas National Guard. The mission of the Texas Challenge Academy is to reclaim the potential of at-risk youth through education, training, mentoring and service to the community.



The vision of the Texas Challenge Academy is to be recognized as the state's premier program for the alternative education of at-risk youth and high school dropouts. Come join us to learn more about the programs offered at Texas Challenge Academy.

To reserve your spot, contact Debbie Jensen at [djensen@casadenton.org](mailto:djensen@casadenton.org) or 940-243-2272.

## CASA of Denton County Info Session



### Do you know someone who would be a great CASA Advocate?

CASA Advocates and supporters are the BEST at spreading the word about our dynamic program. Bring a friend and come join us at the CASA of Denton County Volunteer Info Session!

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

**12:00 noon to 1:00 pm**

**and**

**5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

During this info session, guests will have the opportunity to learn more about the CASA advocate program, the role of a CASA Advocate, requirements of becoming a CASA, and how to get involved.

*Light refreshments and beverages will be served.*

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY...AND BRING A FRIEND!**

*\*We will hold the evening session dependent on the number of RSVPs received.*

## CASA Connect Users...Did You Know?

Did you know that you can now view, review, and print all **NOTES** submitted through CASA Connect? No need to keep a separate Word document of your notes. Simply click on the **Notes Report** tab next to the **Notes tab!** Please contact your Casework Supervisor if you have any questions.



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Here's to you and many more!

Lynn Schwartz - 1st  
Kim Van Patten - 2nd  
Phillip Hay - 2nd  
Shirley Weidner - 7th  
John Hechinger - 10th  
Mary Ann Harrison - 10th  
Lindsey Roennau - 10th  
Meredith Taylor - 14th  
Aaron Robb - 16th  
Myah Dhesi - 16th  
Christina Brown - 21st  
Alexys Maritt - 22nd  
Nancy Williamson - 22nd  
Dawn Hicks - 24th  
Pamela Peak - 25th  
Ronald Hurst - 26th  
Ellen Sullivan - 26th

Diane Naquin - 26th

Board Member

Dana Haynie - 28th



**CASA Advocate Anniversaries**  
*Thank you for your service!*

**14 Years**  
Debbie Mancino