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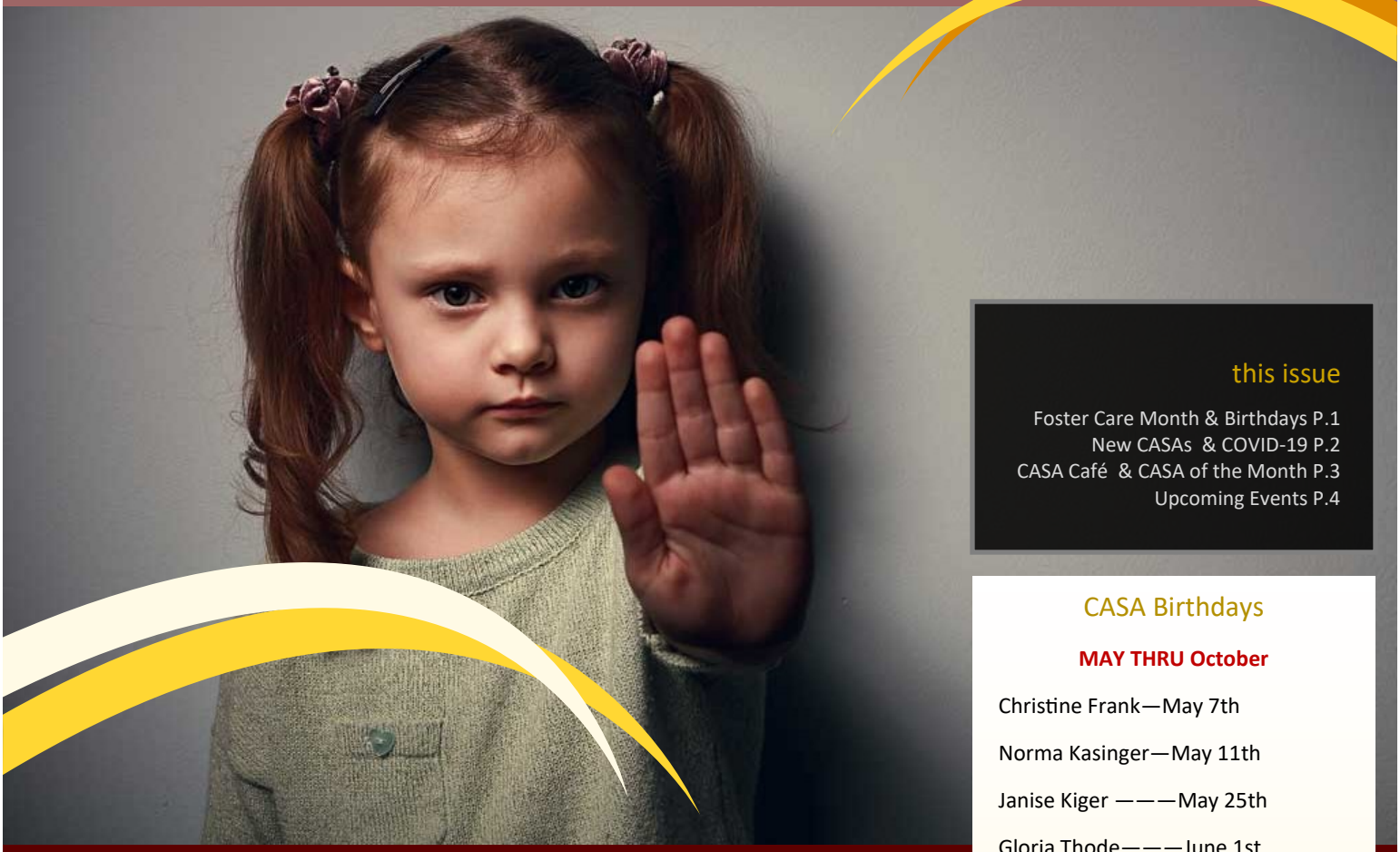

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May—FOSTER CARE MONTH

May is National Foster Care Month. There are more than 440,000 kids in foster care across the country. More than 30,000 children are in foster care right here in Indiana. This month, we take the time to learn more about the foster care system.

Children adopted through the Department of Child Services (DCS) has risen steadily since 2014. In 2017, there were 1,824 adoptions through DCS.

How can I adopt a child in foster care?

The Indiana Adoption Program was put into place to find forever homes for Indiana's children and older youth in foster care. Most of the children seeking families through this program are between the ages of 8-16. For more information on adoption in Indiana, visit https://www.in.gov/dcs/2730.htm. To learn more about National Foster Care Month, visit https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/about/.

All children deserve the safety and security of a loving home

CASA Birthdays

MAY THRU October

Christine Frank—May 7th

Norma Kasinger—May 11th

Janise Kiger ———May 25th

Gloria Thode———June 1st

Joanna Turner———June 4th

Andrea McLean—June 13th

Felicia Johnson - -June 17th

Stephanie Satchwell—July 13th

Jane McDonald———-July 17th

Jennifer Vanderstar—July 19th

Annette Clark —-——July 29th

Karen Cooper - April 16th

New CASA Volunteers

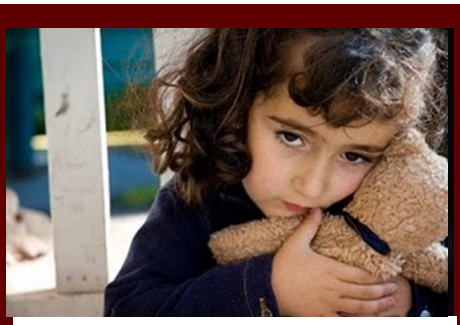
Please welcome our new LaPorte County CASA Volunteers . They were sworn in on March 11, 2020

June Reunification Awareness Month

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause a wide range of illnesses. Generally, they cause a mild illness such as the common cold. Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a new respiratory illness caused by a new type, or novel, coronavirus previously unseen in humans.

The virus is now spreading, which means that appropriate awareness training in the workplace will play an integral role in helping to stop the spread of this coronavirus.

Educating employees on the symptoms of the virus, how they can pre-emptively protect themselves and their colleagues, and what measures should be taken if they or a colleague have been exposed, is the first line of defense in fighting coronavirus (COVID-19). (interactivesrvices.com)



New CASA Volunteers

Kathy Dombkowski

We Welcome You

CASA Café

Our CASA Program would like to acknowledge the extraordinary work and commitment shown towards the children by our CASA Volunteers. In doing so, every month our LaPorte County CASA Program will recognize a volunteer who went above and beyond the call of duty.

May, June & July

CASA's of the Month

May—Ellen Hough

June—Karen Cooper

July—Suzanne Osborn

CASA Café

Is held every 2nd Thursday of the month from 5 pm until 7 pm

Through ZOOM

or

LaPorte County Library

(Coolspring Branch)

6925 W 400 N

Michigan City, IN 46360

Let Us Express Our Gratitude

The Need for CASA

For children who've been abused or neglected, having a CASA volunteer means having a voice in the decisions that adults are making. CASA means having a home instead of feeling invisible. For volunteers, CASA is a life-changing experience that makes our community a better place.

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2020 Upcoming Events

CASA Café'

November 4:30 pm—6:30 PM (Virtual CASA Café Meeting invite through ZOOM)

30th Anniversary Fall Gala "Reach For The Stars"

November 13, 2020

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