CASA's Quarterly

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April—NATIONAL CHILD PREVENTION MONTH

Every year, the month of April is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We use this as an opportunity to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families and to recognize the importance of communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Nurturing, stable, and safe are three key qualities of a home that make a difference for children as they grow. It's necessary for children to grow up in a home where their physical and emotional needs are met so that they can grow up to be healthy and active members of their community. Additionally, child abuse and neglect in one generation often develops in the next. Together, this cycle can be broken.

According to the CDC, about 1 in 7 children were a victim of child abuse or neglect within the last year. Repeated abuse may result in constant stress and make victims more vulnerable to problems such as post-traumatic stress disorder, conduct disorder, and learning, attention, and memory struggles.

All children deserve the safety and security of a loving home

CASA Birthdays

FEBRUARY THRU APRIL

Jamie Rheinholtz—February 1st

Gloria Horn—February 3rd

Maggie Fritzen—February 3rd

Diane Calderon—February 12th

Susan Dowling—February 22nd

Larry Sheagley—March 2nd

Claudia Geise - March 3rd

Ellen Hough—March 10th

Brittany Combs—March 11th

Lynn Stombaugh—March 14th

Lorraine Tighe—March 30th

Suzanne Osborn—April 4th

April Greetham—April 6th

Kelli Tanger—April 7th

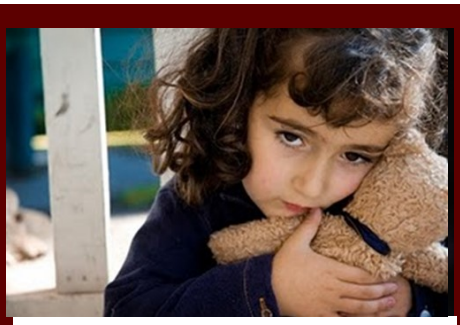
Rechelle McCray—April 13th

Tracey Pollock—April 13th

Karen Cooper - April 16th

New CASA Volunteers

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



New CASA Volunteers

Susan Dowling

Jennifer Conrad

Gloria Thode

Jessica Benge

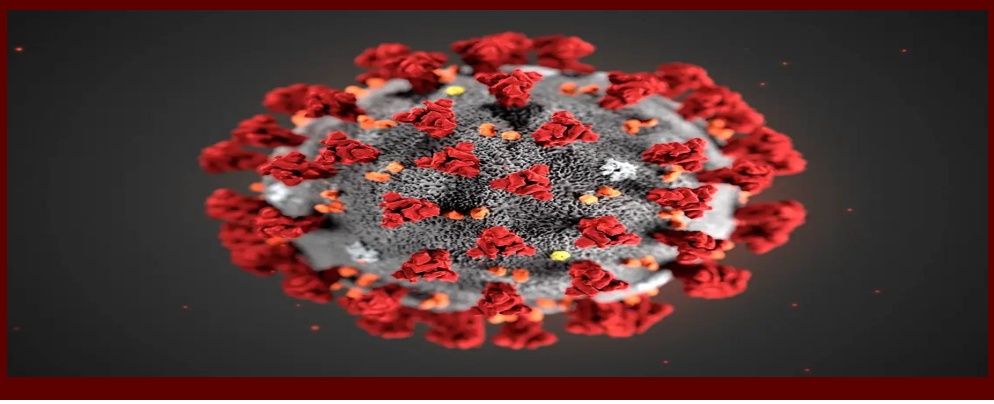
We Welcome You

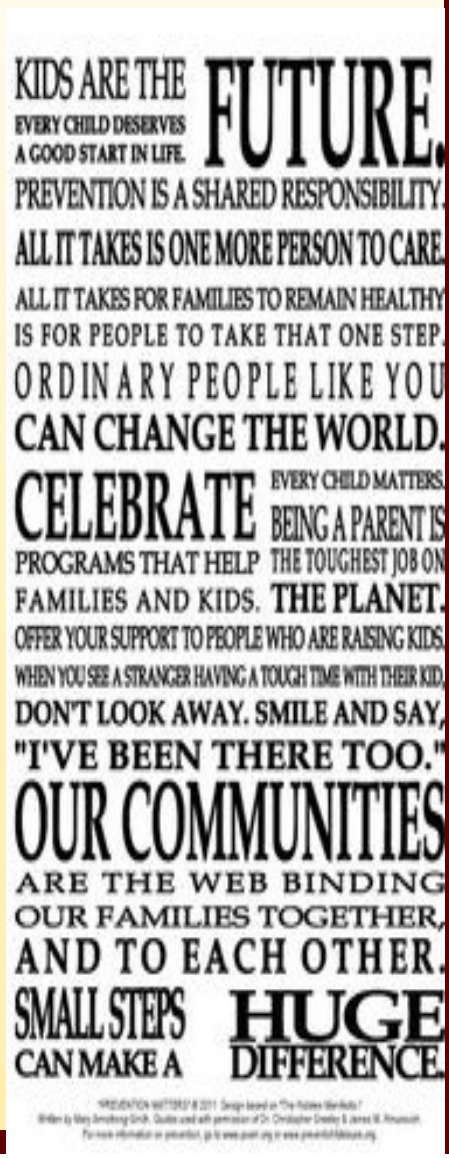
Coronavirus (COVID –19) Awareness Training

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)





February's 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.

April's CASA of the Month

Ashlan Moore-Siford

My name is Ashlan Siford, and I'm 24 years old and married to my best friend! I work as a Marketing Director and own a multimedia company, Ignited Media. I started volunteering as a CASA last year. The two step kids I've gained through my marriage has inspired me to help other kids in my community. I feel so fortunate for the life I've had and want to give back to the children in our community whom need help. The people I've met through this organization has been so inspiring- from the volunteers, to the workers and the families. It's been a life-changing experience and I'm so grateful to be in a position to help!

CASA Café Winners

CASA Café

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

LaPorte County Library

(Coolspring Branch)

6925 W 400 N

Michigan City, IN 46360

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

May 21st 4:00 pm—6:00 PM (Virtual CASA Café Meeting invite through ZOOM)

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

June 27th @ 10:00 AM

Pottawattomie Country Club

30th Anniversary Fall Gala "Reach For The Stars"

November 6th @ 6:00 PM

LaPorte Civic Auditorium

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