

AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

CASA for Children of Klamath County

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Happy August!

I can't believe we're already into August. The summer is flying by!

August sure is a busy month. Dana has been hard at work at local outreach events to connect with prospective volunteers. This month, she will be attending the Farmer's Market (8/5), Third Thursday (8/17), and the Klamath Tribes Restoration Celebration (8/25-27). If you'd like to join her at one of these events to share your experience and (hopefully!) bring in more advocates, click here: [Summer Event Volunteer Sign Up](#).

Through events like these and the work of the rest of our team, we're happy to have a handful of incoming CASAs and we look forward to our summer training which begins this week.

We're so excited to announce our first ever Cookies with CASA! This will be a CASA informational event followed by a cookie decoration class by Jennifer Glasscock of Royally Iced. The event will be held on August 15th at 6:00pm at the CASA Office. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be found online at klamathfallscasa.org. Space is limited and we're already at 60% capacity so we recommend grabbing a ticket while you still can.

Finally, the annual Klamath County Symposium is this month with a presentation by Dr. Donna Beegle and breakout sessions covering various aspects of poverty. This is a great way to get in several hours of your continued education, so we strongly recommend attending if you are able.

As always, thank you for your continued advocacy and support! We sure are lucky to have each of you on our team.

Warmly,

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2023 Summer Training



What is a CASA?

A CASA is another set of eyes and ears for the court. CASA volunteers investigate, interview and report on all aspects of a child's dependency case and life. From helping siblings find permanent homes together, to helping a child access needed services, to uncovering information that helps reunite a loving family, volunteer advocates make an incredible difference to the lives of abused and neglected children. Our goal is to ensure a child has a safe permanent home as quickly as possible. CASA's primary responsibility is to advocate for the best interests of the child.

What does a CASA do?

- Gather Information
- Court Reports
- Attend Court
- Be the "Safety Net"
- Recommend Services
- Monitor Case Plans & Court Orders
- Visit with the Child
- Attend Meetings to Advocate for the Child



2023 Schedule

All training will take place online from 5:30PM - 8:00PM PST.

- August 1
- August 3
- August 8
- August 10
- August 15
- August 17
- August 22
- August 24

CASA for Children of Klamath County uses the approved 30-hour National CASA training. We also offer a Peer-Mentor program, where a knowledgeable CASA can help guide a new CASA through their first case.

Change a
Child's Life.
Become a
CASA.



CASA
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FOR CHILDREN

CASA FOR CHILDREN OF KLAMATH COUNTY

COOKIES WITH CASA



AUG 15

6 PM

\$20*

Join us for a CASA informational session followed by a cookie decorating class by Jennifer Glasscock. Only 20 spots available.

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Tickets can be purchased online at klamathfallscasa.org.

*CASA covers 50% of the \$40 class price per person.

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FREE EVENT: ANNUAL KLAMATH COUNTY SYMPOSIUM

THE PUZZLE OF POVERTY

Resource Connections and Overcoming Barriers

August 22 – 23

Free lunch daily

8:30am – 4:00pm

Oregon Tech Campus

Please pre-register

bit.ly/klamathsymposium



Day 1 – Dr. Donna Beegle



World renowned speaker, Dr. Beegle will deliver a timely presentation on improving communication across poverty barriers while unfolding her own journey from abject poverty to a Doctorate.

Day 2 – Breakout Sessions

Experts from a variety of disciplines will focus on the unique challenges, solutions, local resources, and responses to poverty in our area.

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Presented by: Klamath County Child Abuse Prevention Coalition

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Books

- *Living for Today: From Incest and Molestation to Fearlessness and Forgiveness*
By Erin Merryn
- *Spilled Milk: Based on a True Story*
By K.L. Randis
- *Fostering Love: A Glimpse into Foster Care*
By Kathleen M Paydo, RN & Ron Paydo

Videos

- [Honest Conversations: Protecting Children in Foster Care and Adoption*](#)
Darkness to Light via YouTube

Magazines

- *The Week* or *The Week Junior*

Webinars

- [What Makes a Well-functioning Child Protection Agency*](#)
Monday, August 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m. PDT

*Clickable Link

IMPORTANT DATES

August

- Family Fun Month
- National Wellness Month
- 8/5 Farmer's Market
- 8/7-11 Free KCC Summer Filmmaking Camp
- 8/12 International Youth Day
- 8/15 Cookies with CASA
- 8/17 Third Thursday
- National Non Profit Day
- 8/22-23 Klamath County Symposium
- 8/25-27 Klamath Tribes Restoration Celebration

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/10 Brian Fitz Gerald
- 8/13 Brittany Thoma
- 8/17 Jay Otero
- 8/18 James Brown

Please remember to track your educational hours on Optima.



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