

# CASA CHRONICLE

August 2025



## CLEAR VISION LEADS TO A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

August is Children's Eye Health & Safety month. "Healthy vision supports early childhood development, school readiness, overall health and lifelong well-being."\*\* Although children don't typically complain about vision problems, we can watch for signs like itchy eyes, squinting, excessive blinking or tearing, headaches, or sitting close to the TV or computer monitor. As CASAs, we have an opportunity to advocate for our CASA kiddos to get proper health care, including vision screening and eye health checks.

You can find a recommended schedule for child vision screenings [HERE](#).

For information on vision development milestones for a baby's first year, click [HERE](#).

["20 Things to Know About Children's Eyes and Vision."](#)

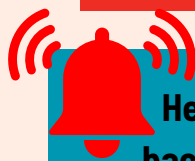
["Children's Eye Injuries: Prevention and Care"](#)

\*\* Children's Vision Equity Alliance (<https://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org/childrens-vision-equity-alliance/>)



## CASA ACADEMY

CASA of Gila County has partnered with CASA of Arizona, CASA of Apache County and CASA of Navajo County to hold an in-person CASA Academy in Show Low, AZ, September 17 - 19, 2025. If you know someone who would make a fantastic CASA volunteer and is interested in attending the in-person academy, please encourage them to apply online today! **Application deadline is Wednesday, August 13, 2025.** To learn more about CASA of Gila County, click [HERE](#). To apply, click [HERE](#). Or you can reach out to Mariah or Emily directly. (Contact info listed on last page of this newsletter.)




**Heads Up! August 1<sup>st</sup> - Payson CASA office is moving back to its original location at the Payson Courthouse.**


# CASA kudos

# You are Paws-itively AWESOME!

August is National Dog Month



**"(The CASA) is a compassionate friend to (the child). She is very thoughtful."**  
Caregiver, July 2025 Survey



Tammie! During the FCRB, DCS praised your dedication and advocacy efforts. Additionally, FCRB acknowledged the excellent working relationship you have fostered with DCS!

**Kudos to Mark and Sherry for being so active with their case it was mentioned in a DCS Case Note during an internal meeting.**

Duren! During the CFT, you did a wonderful job of vocalizing your direct experience with the children to help the team see the overall picture. Also, bringing your concern directly to the team!

**Thank you to Karrol who joined Emily at the San Carlos Unified School District Back to School Event for two days!**



**"Thank you for all the help I received"**  
Caregiver, July 2025 Survey.

**"Very caring and friendly. She is a joy for kids and I."**  
Caregiver, July 2025 Survey.

**Kudos to Tammie and Karrol for manning a CASA table at the 2025 Rock the Block Event in Globe on 07/17/2025**



**"(The CASA) as been great, follow up to provide weblinks in order for me to locate the highchair, and potty chair, and stroller needed for my granddaughter. She was available for questions that arise."** Caregiver, July 2025 Survey

Look who we ran into at the 2025 Health and Safety Fair in Claypool, AZ! CASA Monika was there for her paying job. She balances her full-time job, family life, and CASA!



# Dogs of CASA



Baron was a therapy dog for two years. A person even claimed he saved his life. -Darla



Peggy with Yellowstone and Denali



Shiloh keeps Anita on her toes every day



Kimberly with Lillian



Barbara with Kayce & Rip



Joanie with Tiffany....aka Tiffanista, Tiff, Fanny, Miss Bug



Tank has been showing Pascal the ropes in Emily's household.



## CASA in the COMMUNITY



AZYP Rock the Block back to school event in Globe. (Thank you Tammie and Karrol!) Backpacks and school items were provided to more than 350 youth and about 500 adults were in attendance!



San Carlos Unified School District Back to School Event 07/22/25 & 07/24/25 (178 children received free haircuts!)



2025 Walmart Health and Safety Fair and Globe Police Department Bike Rodeo! 07/26/2025

# CELEBRATE

1<sup>st</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY



HAPPY CASA ANNIVERSARY,  
BARBARA!

2<sup>nd</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY



HAPPY CASA  
ANNIVERSARY, JOANNE!

4<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY



HAPPY CASA  
ANNIVERSARY, LINDA!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
JOANIE!

Maria, Judy, and Bonita joined Mariah at the  
Prevent Child Abuse Conference this year.



# CASA TRIVIA MATCH



When a judge sets a disposition, he/she is setting what?

Yes

Trial date

No

Another Childhood Event

Case Plan

Accepting Childhood Energy

Individualized Education Program

False

Independent Education Plan

True

Intentional Education Plan

Plea

Adverse Childhood Experience



ACE is an acronym for what?



Does a newly removed child in foster care have the right to immediately enroll in school even without the usual paperwork like a birth certificate or school transcripts?



IEP is an acronym for what?

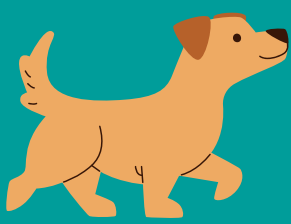


An IEP is a legally mandated document under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

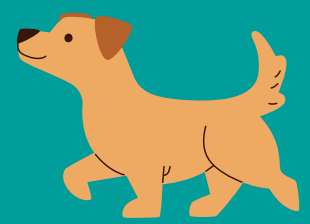


What is "fictive kin"?

CASAs, list your answers when you log your 30 minutes of training time (for reading the CASA Chronicle) on the Dashboard. Each correct answer will enter your name into a prize drawing to be held at the end of the year. Answers will be provided in next month's issue of the CASA Chronicle.



# Announcements



## Community Events

2nd Annual Mogollon Ice Dip  
 “Freezin’ for a Reason”  
 Saturday, August 9, 2025  
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
 Payson Senior Center  
 100 N. Tonto Street  
 Payson



## Support Groups

### Globe:

Wednesday, August 6, 2025  
 4:00 PM  
 Globe Probation Office or Zoom  
 Contact Emily for Zoom link.

### Payson:

Tuesday, August 12, 2025  
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Location TBD or Zoom  
 -- or --  
 Wednesday, August 27, 2025  
 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
 Location TBD or Zoom  
 Please contact Anita for Zoom link.

## Answers to July’s CASA Trivia Match:

1. CFT - Child Family Team.
2. Yes, a CASA can reach out to a Tribe’s social worker in an ICWA case. This connection can improve a CASA’s cultural competency as they advocate for their CASA kiddo.
3. Yes, a CASA should verbally advocate for their CASA kiddo during a hearing.
4. Concurrent case plan is when 2 different case plans are set at the same time.
5. 12 months is the expected/mandated timeframe for a permanency hearing to occur when a child is 3 or older when taken into care.
6. BONUS: Case plan options: Reunification, Guardianship, Severance & Adoption, Another Planned Living Arrangement (APPLA).



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