



Supporting CASA Kids as They Return to School

Returning to school can be challenging for children in foster care and their caregivers. The transition, along with the need for supplies, can feel overwhelming. CASA Volunteers can assist youth during this time by advocating for crucial meetings to be scheduled as early as possible. This includes:

- Best Interest Determination (BID) Meetings after a child is placed with a new out-of-home caregiver
- Updated Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings following a move to a new school district

For caregivers, CASAs can provide valuable information on resources to help with school supply lists, such as:

- Northern Arizona Child Advocates
- Rim Country Arizonans for Children (928) 238-0053
- Arizonans for Children

Ask your coordinator for more details on how to support the unique needs of your CASA child!



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| • Miami | Tuesday, July 21st |
| • Globe | Monday, July 27th |
| • Destiny | Wednesday, July 29th |
| • Liberty | Wednesday, July 29th |
| • Hayden-Winkelman | Monday, August 3rd |

For More Information, or to Schedule an Appointment,
Please Contact the Gila County Health Department
Globe Office (928) 402-8811

Our CASA Team in Action



CASA In Action Highlight: CASA Cris and Joanne

CASAs Cris and Joanne have been excellent CASA Ambassadors. Both CASA volunteers have helped out with many community recruitment events. Outside of the designated events, they talk with their friends, neighbors, and community members about the need for CASA volunteers to serve in Gila County.

CASA In Action Highlight: CASA Monika

CASA Monika shared her knowledge of child safety to assist the child's placement meet a need to support the child's development. Additionally, advocating for the children and their needs to be the priority while planning for transitions.

CASA In Action Highlight: CASA Tracie F.

CASA Tracie utilized her knowledge of local resources to help the caregiver meet a need. By providing information on local resources to a caregiver, CASA Tracie helps promote stability for the child in a consistent home and helps to minimize unnecessary changes in placements for the child while they are in out-of-home care.

Thanks
for all
you
do



CASA Appreciation Luncheon
June 13, 2026

A heartfelt thank you to those of you who were able to join us for an appreciation lunch. We always enjoy having an opportunity to express our gratitude for all of your time,



Happy CASA Anniversary, Lana!
7 Years with CASA of Gila County



From your CASA Office



TRAINING SESSION

BEST INTEREST ADVOCACY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH AT 3:00 PM

IN PERSON IN PAYSON OR ZOOM

Very Important

We are mid-way through the 2026 year and at this point in the year, you should have training hours in your training log on CASAaz. If you need assistance entering your hours, please be sure to contact your coordinator.

As a reminder, there are changes to training guidelines from the updated CASA Volunteer Policy which are effective July 01, 2026.

(CASA Volunteer Policy Handbook
May 2026 Revision, page 12-15)

CASA SUPPORT GROUPS

CASA support groups are held multiple times a month, and all meetings are open to every Gila County CASA Volunteer. We encourage you to participate in the session that best accommodates your schedule.

League of Extraordinary Volunteers
July 14th (Tuesday) 12:00-2:00PM
In- Person: Payson CASA Office Conference Room
Zoom Link Available- Request from Mariah
Lead: Mariah mlantz@courts.az.gov

CASA Empowerment Allies
July 17th (Friday) 12:00PM-1:00PM
Microsoft Teams Only- Contact Emily for link
Lead: Emily enader@courts.az.gov



CASA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

CASA of Gila County
Offices will be closed
on Friday July 03, 2026

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