

CASA

Chronicle

November
2025

National Adoption Awareness Month

When a child enters an adoptive placement, the role of a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) becomes crucial. These children may have faced profound loss due to the termination of parental rights, leading to increased behavioral needs. 56.3 % of adoptive placement disruptions in Arizona from Jan. 2025 through June 2025 were due to behavioral health needs. ([AZ DCS Semi-Annual Child Welfare Report Sep 2025](#))

As the child's CASA, it is a time for us to step in and advocate for the essential services and support required to ensure stability for the child. See page 5 for more resources on how you can help!



Join us in raising
Adoption Month Awareness
by wearing a white ribbon and sharing
adoption resources with your friends
and family!

Information on Adoption in Arizona
[Adoption | Arizona Department of
Child Safety](#)

Information on current children waiting
for an adoptive home in Arizona
[The Children's Heart Gallery](#)

Sorry we're
CLOSED

NOV 11, 2025

NOV 27, 2025

NOV 28, 2025

Can't Squash These Vibes!



It's that time of year to express gratitude, and we are truly thankful for each of our

Gila County CASA Volunteers

RAY A.	CRIS G.	TRACY P.
DENISE B.	BONITA G.	GAIL P.
KARROL B.	TAMMIE G.	MARK P.
JUDY B.	LINDA J.	SHERRY P.
DARLA C.	LANA L.	DUREN R.
PEGGY C.	ALLISON L.	KIMBERLY R.
CATHERINE C.	LAURA M.	BARBARA S.
JOANNE C.	MARIA M.	MONIKA S.
BREANNA F.	CHRISTOPHER N.	KEN V.
TRACIE F.	SUSANNE P.	DEBBRA W.

Thank you!



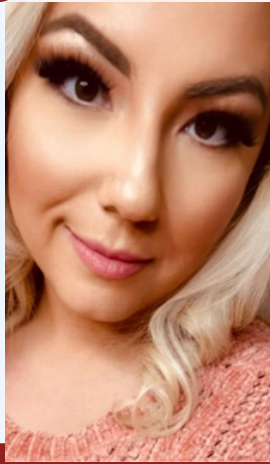
Happy Birthday



ALLISON



CRIS



BREANNA



MARK



LINDA

1ST



Anniversary

Thank you Maria!

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CASA Community Event Lanterns at the Lake in Payson



October 16, 2025



Preparing Children and Youth for Adoption or Other Family Permanency

Reference: [Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

Children can experience a wide range of emotions while awaiting an adoption date. They may feel frustration, anger, sadness, or happiness. Helping a child prepare for this major change in their life is an important role that the CASA volunteer helps fill.

Be sure to [download this guide](#) or ask your Coordinator for a printed version, if desired.

Cultural Identity for Child in Foster Care

Reference: [Clarvida Blog](#)

Cultural identity is important for everyone. As a child in foster care, it can be one of the only connections to the life that they had known for so long. CASA volunteers and Caregivers working with these children can help to ensure that each child stays connected to their culture.

The [Clarvida Blog](#) has a helpful article about this resource, be sure to check it out.

CASA TRIVIA match

What does AzEIP stand for?

True or False: A Permanency Guardianship cannot be revoked.

How old do you need to be to volunteer for CASA of Gila County?

Who do Reasonable Efforts reflect?

What gives a CASA volunteer their right to information on the case?

Who is responsible for adding information to your CASAaz Dashboard?

BONUS

False

21 years

Department of Child Safety

Legal Party Memo

Attorney

Order of Appointment

Arizona Early Intervention Program

25 years

Disclosure

Parents

Arizona Education In Progress

Arizona Early Investment Procedure

True

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.



CASA Messages

CASA Recruiting Events



25th Annual Health & Care Fair

Saturday, Nov. 1st
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Julia Randall Elementary School
601 S. Green Valley Pkwy. Payson, AZ

Support Groups

GLOBE:

WEDNESDAY NOV. 05
4:00PM-5:00PM

GLOBE CASA OFFICE OR ZOOM
Contact Emily for Zoom link.

PAYSON:

FRIDAY, NOV. 14
1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

CASA MEETING ROOM OR ZOOM

SAVE THE DATE:

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 03
11:00 TO 2:00 PM

CASA POST-THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
PAYSON CASA MEETING ROOM

Please contact Mariah for Zoom link.

Answers to October's CASA Trivia Match:

1. True. Using open-ended questions allows a more expansive response.
2. 35% of dependencies in Gila County have a domestic violence component.
3. Safety is the primary goal for DCS.
4. An Allegation is the assertion or statement of a party to a legal action, which sets out what he/she expects to prove.
5. No, a CASA is not allowed to provide therapeutic counseling to their appointed child/sibling group.

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GILA COUNTY: SHOP WITH A HERO 2025

2025 SHOP WITH A HERO

DECEMBER 2025



2022 SWH EVENT

What is Shop With A Hero?

This special event provides children with the opportunity to enjoy a free breakfast with their local heroes and a chance to ride in an emergency vehicle such as a police car, firetruck, or ambulance. The selected children are awarded \$150.00 to purchase gifts for themselves and their families with the help of their assigned hero. Santa Clause helps gift-wrap all presents purchased by the children after the event.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the Gila County Sheriff's Office at 108 W Main Street in Payson or at 1425 South Street in Globe. **The application deadline is December 8th 2025.** Please follow us on Facebook for more information.

OUR MISSION:

- The Shop with a Hero program in Gila County works on behalf of local law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, and dispatchers within our community to develop strong partnerships and trust through active engagement, education programs, and outreach for children.

SWH

"BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES"



Be sure to talk to the caregivers and sign up your
CASA kids!!