

CASA CHRONICLE



OCTOBER 2025

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

As CASAs, we see firsthand that the effects and impacts of domestic violence extend beyond the perpetrator and victim. Children who witness domestic violence can experience psychological and physical effects that can have long-term impacts on health, opportunity, and well-being. To inform your advocacy more deeply and access tools and resources, click [HERE](#).

Local Resources Payson

Time Out Shelter

Phone: 928-472-8007 or 928-978-4081 (24 hr.)

Access-TTY: 1-800-367-8939

Access-Voice: 1-800-842-4681

Spanish-TTY: 1-800-842-2088

Speech to Spanish: 1-800-842-6520

Email: ElenaW@timeoutshelter.org

<https://timeoutshelter.org/>

Globe

Gila House

P.O. Box 2174

Globe AZ 85502

Local 24-Hour Crisis Line: 928-961-6163

Email:

Gilahouse.aldermansafehome@gmail.com

<https://gilahouseinc.com/domestic-violence>

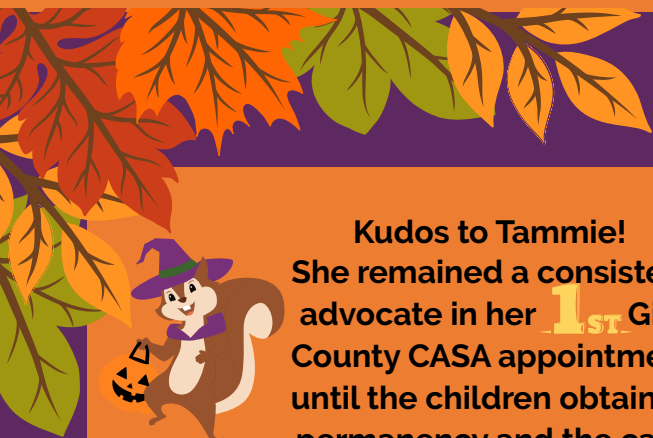
Some stats on Domestic Violence

- 35% of open dependency cases in Gila County have a domestic violence component.
- Domestic Violence is the leading violent crime responded to by the Gila County Sheriff. (Payson Roundup, Aug 11, 2024, Pete Aleshire)
- More than 10 million adults experience domestic violence annually in the US. (1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men.) (Survey conducted by the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey)



We are NUTS about you!

OCTOBER IS SQUIRREL MONTH



Kudos to Catherine! Her second case has closed with a Guardianship, and with her help as the CASA, the case was able to reach a successful conclusion after 3 years!



Kudos to Tammie! She remained a consistent advocate in her **1ST** Gila County CASA appointment until the children obtained permanency and the case closed!



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Kudos to Kimberly! For vocalizing the child's right to a family-like setting for temporary placement.



Thank you to Karrol for attending the Veterans' resource fair with Emily in September!



Kudos to Monica! Who stepped up and took on an additional CASA Kiddo when the need arose!



Kudos to Barbara, Kim, & Kimberly (Pima County) The child's attorney thanked the CASAs for the great report and agrees with everything they recommended.



Kudos to Mark & Sherry! The court thanks the co-CASAs for continuing to support their teen on post high school and thinking about his future and remaining in the extended foster care program.



Kudos to Lana for advocating for what she believes is the best interest of the child even when the case feels like it is not making progress!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND
HAPPY CASA
ANNIVERSARY, RAY!

HAPPY CASA
ANNIVERSARY,
BONITA!

HAPPY CASA
ANNIVERSARY,
JUDY!



Halloween Safety Tips

DON'T FORGET SAFETY IS MORE THAN JUST THE CANDY. YOU WANT TO BE SURE THE COSTUME AND AREAS ARE SAFE FOR YOUR CHILD.



AS A DRIVER, YOU SHOULD REMAIN ALERT AND OBSERVANT WHILE DRIVING ON HALLOWEEN.

FOR MORE SAFETY TIPS, CHECK OUT THESE SITES: [HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS](#) OR [HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS](#)



1

True or False: When attempting to get a child to open up to you, it is important to use open-ended questions.



2

What percentage of dependency cases in Gila County have a domestic violence component?



3

What is the primary goal and focus of DCS (Dept of Child Safety) for a child or sibling group in a dependency?



4

What is an assertion or statement of a party to a legal action, which sets out what he/she expects to prove?



5

Is a CASA allowed to provide therapeutic counseling to their appointed child/sibling group?



BONUS

What are your healthy coping strategies to prevent burnout?



Yes

Prosecution

No

Finding them a place to live

15%

Safety

False

Allegation

100%

Keeping them in the same school

35%

Charge

True

CASAs, list your answers in your [Training Log](#) and get 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

DOGTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 11, 2025
9:00 AM - 12:00PM
Globe City Dog Park
519 Cuprite Street
Globe, AZ

PAYSON DAYS

Saturday, October 11, 2025
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Green Valley Park
Payson, AZ



Support Groups

Globe:

Will be Set at a Later Date
4:00 PM
Globe Probation Office or Zoom
Contact Emily for Zoom link.

Payson:

Tuesday, October 14, 2025
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
CASA Meeting Room or Zoom
-- or --
Wednesday, October 29, 2025
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
CASA Meeting Room or Zoom
Please contact Mariah for Zoom link.

Answers to September's CASA Trivia Match:

1. Yes, a volunteer is required to return their CASA ID badge and all case-related materials.
2. GAL is an acronym for Guardian Ad Litem.
3. False, a CASA is not allowed to invite their appointed child over to their home for any reason.
4. True, lack of access to behavioral health is a risk factor for suicide.
5. It is in the Brief History that a CASA outlines the events that brought a child into foster care.
6. BONUS: The 7 Cs of resilience: Competence, Confidence, Connection, Character, Contribution, Coping, Control.

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**TRAINING
OPPORTUNITY**

Working with Survivors and Victims of Sex Trafficking Trauma Informed Case

Management

Presented by:

Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz

When:

Date: Friday, November 14, 2025

Time: 12:00pm- 1:00pm

Location: Zoom

Agenda:

- Barriers for victims and survivors of trafficking
- Best practices for working with victims and survivors of trafficking
- Tools for case management
- Arizona Human Trafficking Hotline



Register Here!

