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Public invited to learn more about CASA Program

YUMA, AZ - Thousands of children in Arizona's foster care system need a consistent, caring adult to speak up for them in court and in the community. On **January 14, 2025**, the public is invited to learn more about how to do just that. A "**CASA Information Session**" will be held at the **Yuma Main Library from 5:30 –7:00 p.m.** It's a chance for community members to speak to program staff and current advocates and learn more about ways they can have a lifelong impact on children currently living in foster care.

The CASA Information Session will be an informal and comfortable gathering designed to answer questions from the community. A short presentation on the CASA Program will be given followed by question and answer. (You do not need to be present the entire event.) Snacks will be provided.

Children with a CASA volunteer assigned to them are more likely to receive services and resources; twice as likely to find a safe, permanent home; and half as likely to re-enter the foster care system. Unfortunately, very few children get the support of a CASA volunteer, so your help is needed.

Volunteers with the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program are everyday people appointed by a judge to speak up for children in a case of abuse or neglect in Yuma County. These volunteers meet monthly with the children involved and become a regular and trusted presence in their life. CASA volunteers report back to the judge with vital information and remain involved until the court case ends.

There are thousands of kids in foster care in Arizona right now and the professionals handling these cases cannot do it alone. Becoming a CASA volunteer is an excellent way to get involved and help make a difference for these children.

CASA volunteers must be 21 years of age or older, pass a thorough background check and complete 30 hours of pre-service training (provided at no cost.)

To speak to someone about the CASA program contact our office at 928-314-1830. Or for more information about CASA of Yuma County, visit our website at www.CASAofYumaCounty.org.

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