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Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

CASA OF YAVAPAI COUNTY

# Change a Child's Story

Yavapai County CASA Program Newsletter

**FEBRUARY 2025**

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**Volunteer!**

*There is nothing stronger than the  
heart of a VOLUNTEER*

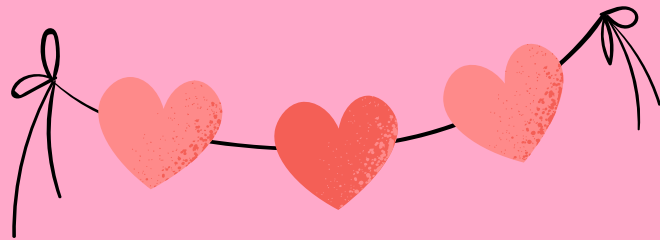
*Thank*

**=YOU=**



*For all you do!*

# Coordinators' Corner



## HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

**REMINDER**



Remember the **CASA** office has passes to both the Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary and the Out of Africa Wildlife Park. Call the office and reserve the pass today!



Michael and Rose taking the CASA Oath!

*Welcome*



The CASA office now has Harkins Theatre tickets! Call the office for more info.

We appreciate our Security Guards at the JJC!  
They keep us safe!!

The security team has suggested a couple of things to us to make their job a little easier and help us get through the security line quickly:

1. Please only bring what is necessary into the courthouse.
2. Please do not bring glass.
3. Remember that if you have metal in your shoes or belt, they will have to be removed prior to proceeding through the scanner.

**Thank You!**

**2025**

The New **CASA** Calendars are in! Stop by the office and pick up yours before we run out!

## CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM MEETINGS

To receive information about an upcoming CFT with:

CFSS: please email: [dawnr@cfssinc.com](mailto:dawnr@cfssinc.com)

Polara Health: please email: [whenthecft@polarahealth.com](mailto:whenthecft@polarahealth.com)

Spectrum: please email: [susans@spectrumhg.org](mailto:susans@spectrumhg.org)

Please give the clinics 48 hours to reply to your email

# Prescott February 2025



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**Court**  
**Report**  
**Writing**  
**1-3**

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**Tele-CASA**  
**9:00**

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# Prescott

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# Verde 2025



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**CASA - DCS Meet & Greet Cottonwood Library Dede Ewald Room 12-2**

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**CASA Connecting 9:15  
Cottonwood Library  
Jerald Monahan  
Strengthening Families  
Protective Factors**

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Happy Anniversary

Patricia Seybold 5 years

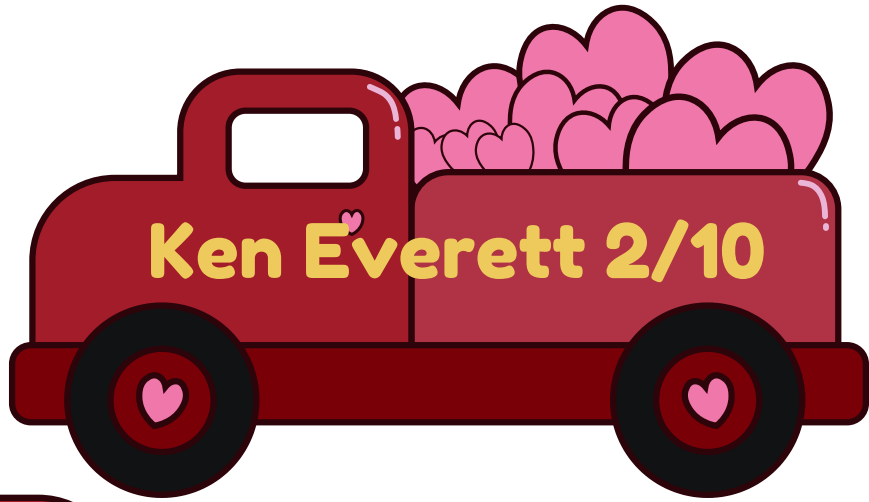
Earl MOSS 2 years

Lynn Moffatt 2 years

Misty Moss 2 years

Vicki Service 2 years

Happy BIRTHDAY



# CASA Kudos

to Lynn M. for ensuring her CASA kiddos educational needs are being met.

to Laura P., Jeni O., and Pat S., for their continued efforts to ensure their CASA youths' behavioral health needs are being met.

to Candace R. and Ken F. for their dedication and commitment to their case which resulted in reunification and dismissal.

to Patricia B. and Greg B. for participating in the Dependency 101 Class mock hearing!

to Tricia C. for continuing to be a solid, stable support within a case that has seen every other team member change multiple times!

to Sue F. for being willing to work with a sibling set of four for her very first case.

to Jody M. for expertly handling two court reports due at the same time, for two different cases.

to Lilly M. for showing determination through writing a challenging court report!

Kudos to Ann M. for working hard to find her teens vital documents before she ages out

Kudos to Emily H. for taking a second case of a teen girl in Buckeye!

Kudos to Carol H. for staying the course with her teen that wasn't interested in CASA. Small wins!

Kudos to Jan L. for working hard to keep her CASA children connected through some really rough times.

Kudos to Janet M. for seeing her case through to reunification!

Kudos to Scott N for taking a new case and always recruiting new CASAs!

**HEY THERE CASA VOLUNTEER!**

Guess what? There's something everyone's buzzing about - *CASA Connecting!*



"I look forward to CASA Connecting every month. The training that is provided every other month is helpful and interesting. I have learned a lot from other CASA's when they share situations and interactions they have had as a CASA."

**Janice M.  
2 year CASA**

**EVERY CASA CONNECTING IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT – SOME BRING FRESH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, AND ALL OF THEM GIVE CASAS A CHANCE TO DEBRIEF AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO ARE ON THE SAME JOURNEY.**

"[It] gives insight and wisdom from experienced CASA's and provides training opportunities about a variety of topics. Time well spent!"

**Randy K.  
3 year CASA**

"CASA Connecting is the best vehicle to hear how other CASA's handle their cases. Great ideas are presented to everyone's benefit."

**Scott N.  
1 year CASA**

**SO, IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE CASA CREW AND FEELING A LITTLE OVERWHELMED BY ALL THE INFO FLYING AT YOU, DON'T WORRY!**

"CASA Connecting is a great opportunity for fellow CASAs to come together and share experiences, issues, success, challenges, etc. It is especially useful for new CASAs to become more comfortable with their new role."

**Greg B.  
2 year CASA**

Still on the fence? Well, let me hit you with some good news: there are two options to join CASA Connecting! If you're someone who enjoys the comfort of your own space and a virtual setting, Tele-CASA (on the last Thursday of each month) is your perfect match. But if you're craving some face-to-face time and want to shake off the Zoom fatigue, you can join us in person at the Juvenile Justice Center on the second Wednesday of the month! And for our Verde folks, don't think we've forgotten you! There's an in-person CASA Connecting available at the Cottonwood Public Library, the second Thursday of each month!

If you're still not sold, let me leave you with a few more glowing thoughts from your fellow CASAs:

"I like CASA Connecting because it gives me the opportunity to see/meet other CASAs and gives me ideas of how to deal with issues I might be having with [the kids I work with]."

**Carol H.**  
2 year CASA

"CASA Connecting is a great way to connect with other CASAs. I attend regularly and I always learn something or get something from it."

**Nancy T.**  
4 year CASA

"CASA Connecting has been a lifesaver for me to connect with other volunteers and I have acquired so much valuable information. It's also a way to learn about upcoming trainings and events."

**Janice M.**  
2 year CASA

**NOW THAT YOU'RE IN THE KNOW, THERE'S NO REASON NOT TO JOIN US AT CASA CONNECTING! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU FEBRUARY 12TH!**

# Family Treatment Court



## THE PARTICIPANT'S PERSPECTIVE

By Kristi Newman, Family Treatment Court Coordinator

Do you want to know what a Family Treatment Court participant really thinks about the program? I always enjoy learning about the thoughts and feelings of our participants and this one is quite interesting. She came from a very dark and hopeless point in her life and turned everything around. She had some fears about the program, and even though she was quite overwhelmed with her case, she embraced what we had to offer. She became an important role model for others. Check out what she has to say.

How bad was it before? Describe what life was like just before you joined Family Treatment Court.

Hectic. Emotional. No work, doing my all for DCS and continually feeling like I was falling short. Sober, but feeling so defeated. I was still trying to find a home to reunite my family after mine burned down. I was jobless and feeling quite hopeless. I saw no end to the hoops and requirements. My marriage was happy but not full of love, with all the extra stress. I dreaded starting FTC due to my distance, location of my visits for DCS, money to travel, and all the requirements.

How good is it now? Describe life now and how Family Treatment Court helped you get there.

Life is wonderful. It still has its hiccups as any life does, but now I can work through it. I've learned (and continue learning) emotional sobriety. FTC has been a blessing—helpful lessons, people to just listen to my crazy month, understand and not judge. It's been a time for me to get out and meet others who are on similar paths. It helped me power through my DCS case and prove it's not impossible, even from starting at rock bottom, when DCS had no hope for my family. FTC has shown me I'm not who I used to be, and judges and probation officers can truly care about one's well-being. They just want us to do well.



**What is the atmosphere like in Family Treatment Court? Have you found encouragement and support among other participants?**

**Encouraging, friendly, non-judgmental, caring, happy to see us. Everyone is always so willing to be there for each other, lend a helping hand. [They offer] encouraging words [and] sober friendships. It's enjoyable to step back from busy life, get take-home crafts to do with the kids, do crafts [as a group], and enjoy the conversation.**

**Judge Repp is always a delight to see as well. She's so nice and caring and always manages to say something to give us a good laugh!**

**What would you like to tell observers and future participants about the program?**

**It's intimidating at first. Overwhelming. But it gets easier. There's always someone next to you that will understand. Your story may be different, but DCS and fighting against sobriety got us all here. Use your resources. Don't be afraid to ask for help.**

**This program and people are truly here to help. They care. There is light and free time at the end of the tunnel!**

**I am thankful for this program and the people involved- Janie, Kristi, CASAs, probation, and Judge Repp. In the beginning it was a lot, but it has kept me accountable and moving down a path of being a better mama and human.**





# FAMILY TREATMENT COURT CASA PRESENTATION

Join us in the JJC Jury Room  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 4**  
**1:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

- Learn about the benefits of FTC
- See staffing firsthand
- Attend the hearing to see it all come together

RSVP TO KRISTI NEWMAN AT  
[knewman@courts.az.gov](mailto:knewman@courts.az.gov)

# DEPENDENCY 101

Last year, one of the goals of the Court Team for Infants and Toddlers (Best for Babies) in Yavapai County was to develop a program to help foster and kinship placements understand and learn more about the court process and their role as a foster or kinship placement. In May 2024, the 1st Dependency 101 Class for foster and kinship placements was held at the Juvenile Justice Center in Prescott and the response was fantastic! Foster and kinship placements enjoyed the class and expressed an interest in having more Dependency 101 Classes occur throughout the year. With that said, one of the goals of the Court Team for Infants and Toddlers this year, is to expand Dependency 101 Training for foster and kinship placements. On the evening of January 16, 2025, the 2nd Dependency 101 Class for foster and kinship placements was held at the Juvenile Justice Center in Prescott.

During the class, foster and kinship placements observed a mock dependency hearing that captured how the court proceeds through a dependency hearing as well as learning more about the roles of each person attending a dependency hearing. Our presenters included: Judge Young (Presiding Juvenile Court Judge), Jonathan Conant (Assistant Attorney General), Jackie Fritsch (DCS Case Manager), David Knox (Attorney for the Child), Lynn Harris, (Attorney for Mother), Brie



Gallegos (Mother), Chris Mathers, (Attorney for Father), Greg B. (Father), Leah Webb, (Behavioral Health), Megan and James (Foster Placement), and Patricia B. (CASA). Each mock hearing participant was exceptional within their respective role!

After the mock hearing concluded, Dependency 101 Class participants had the opportunity to ask questions about the dependency process and discussed the type of updates the court would like to receive from placements during court hearings in regard to how the child(ren) are doing with foster or kinship placement.

Each foster and kinship placement was provided a dependency flowchart specific to Yavapai County, Understanding the Roles in a Dependency Court Hearing, a Guide to Child and Family Team Meetings, along with two MOhelp.org cards, one for the DCS Go-To Guide for Foster and Kinship Caregivers and one for the CASA Dependency Resource Guide.

For the second portion of the class, Leah Webb, Children's Clinical Services Manager, and Beni Garcia, Counselor, with Polara Health, did an excellent job providing a detailed overview of a Child and Family Team Meeting (CFT) and the importance of kinship and foster placements involvement in CFTs.

As we continue to expand on Dependency 101 Training for foster and kinship placements, and look to the Spring of 2025, we are excited to announce Shared Parenting as our next Dependency 101 Class! Stay tuned for further details.

Thank you to DCS (Danita and Jolee 😊) for providing childcare for our foster and kinship placements who attended the class and to each person who was part of this wonderful and informative evening!

*Article by Jen Bahr*



## 2024-2025 Schedule

10:00am - 12:00pm  
One Saturday every month

Park Rangers and community partners will lead child-centered play events at a different family friendly park and trail each month. At every Nature Niños event there will be take-home items, a healthy snack, creative nature activities, story time, and little fun lessons on Appreciate AZ Leave No Trace and Healthy Choices. Nature Niños events are led by Park Rangers and community partner staff with a strong understanding of child development and experience leading child-centered outdoor programs.

**October 5th**  
**Fain Park**  
2200 N. 5th Street  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

**November 2nd**  
**Acker Park**  
421 S. Virginia Street  
Prescott, AZ 86303

**December 7th**  
**Santa Fe Station Park**  
6751 E Santa Fe Loop  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

**January 4th**  
**Vista Park**  
1701 Sarafina Drive  
Prescott, AZ 86301

**February 1st**  
**Watson Lake**  
Upper Ramada  
3101 Watson Lake Drive  
Prescott, AZ 86301

**March 1st**  
**Pioneer Park**  
Brownlow Area  
1195 Commerce Drive  
Prescott, AZ 86305

**April 5th**  
**Community Nature Center**  
1980 Williamson Valley Rd  
Prescott, AZ 86305

**April 19th**  
Prescott Earth Day  
Courthouse Square

**May 3rd**  
**Goldwater Lake**  
Upper  
2900 S. Goldwater Lake Road  
Prescott, AZ 86303

**June 7th**  
**Granite Creek Park**  
554 6th Street  
Prescott, AZ 86301

**July 5th**  
**Antelope Park**  
6933 N. Cattletrack Road  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

**August 2nd**  
**West Granite Creek**  
Splash Pad  
350 N. Montezuma Street  
Prescott, AZ 86301

**September 6th**  
**Thumb Butte**  
Prescott National Forest  
2285 W. Thumb Butte Road  
Prescott, AZ 86305



These organizations are equal opportunity providers

# The Screens Have Taken Over

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Rebalancing Tech Time and  
In Real Life Time  
.....

Parenting Workshop

Presented by Beth Dunn M.S. L.P.C.  
Humboldt Unified School District Office

6901 E Panther Path

Prescott Valley, AZ

## Saturday February 8th 10am-12pm

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Modern technology "screen time" is present in the lives of children as young as two. This workshop explores strategies to set healthy expectations/boundaries around screen time and the impact these boundaries have on overall mental health, school performance, and home performance.

Call or Email Lisa Krietenstein to reserve your seat!  
[lisa.krietenstein@humboldtunified.com](mailto:lisa.krietenstein@humboldtunified.com) / 928-759-5104

Hosted by



**HUMBOLDT**  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# *COURT REPORT WRITING*

*Thursday, February 20th · 1:00pm-3:00pm  
JJC Hearing Room*

**This is a comprehensive Court Report Writing class for all CASA advocates.**

All new advocates are highly encouraged to attend this training to learn the requirements for Court Report Writing for Yavapai County. We will also address your concerns and issues with using the dashboard system for writing reports.



*Veteran advocates are encouraged to attend this training as a refresher course and to offer your experience to the discussion.*

You are welcome to bring your own lunch or snacks. Coffee and water will be provided.

*(training credit given to all CASAs)*

# Court Report Writing Training Verde

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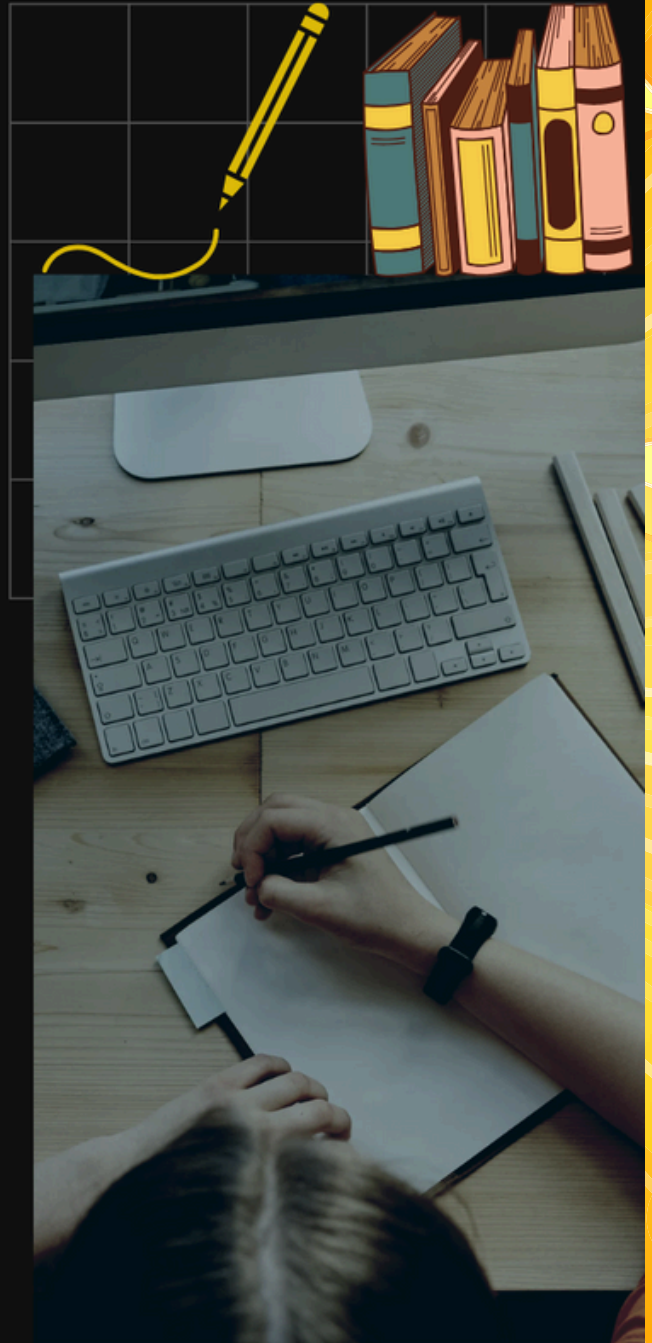
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(Training credit given to all CASA's)

**March 12, 2025**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

**Camp Verde Courthouse  
2840 N. Commonwealth Dr  
Camp Verde  
Jury Assembly Room**





## ABOUT THE TOY CHEST



The Toy Chest is a program that provides physical gifts for foster youth to celebrate their birthdays and other milestones. Kinship placements, biological parents, foster parents, CASAs, and DCS caseworkers are able to utilize this program to select gifts for the foster youth in their lives or on their caseloads. There are gifts and toys available for youth ages 0-21 including bikes, stuffed animals, action figures, makeup, gift cards and more!

## HOW IT WORKS



When a child has a birthday or a personal achievement, their placements, biological parents, CASAs, or DCS caseworkers can request a visit to the Toy Chest to pick out an appropriate gift for the foster youth. There are Toy Chest location in both Prescott Valley and Cottonwood Arizona at the Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation Offices.

## HOW TO REQUEST A GIFT



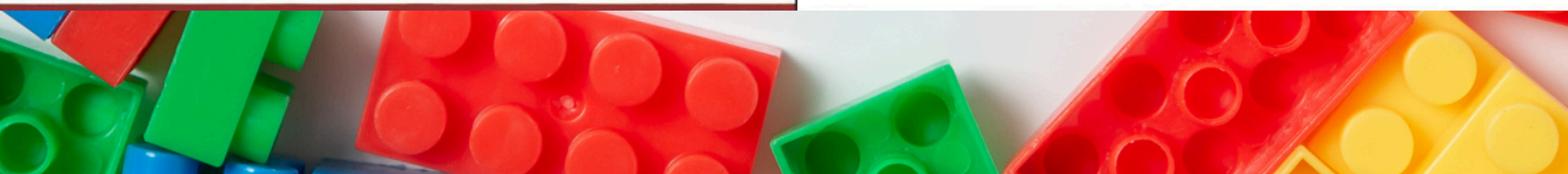
To request a visit to the Toy Chest or get more information about the program go to

[YavapaiCASAforKids.org/toy-chest](http://YavapaiCASAforKids.org/toy-chest)



# THE TOY CHEST

Gifts to celebrate birthdays & all the milestones our foster youth achieve.



ATTENTION FOSTER PARENTS!! WE HAVE A SPECIAL PROGRAM MONTHLY FOR FOSTER KIDS AGES 4 TO 10! FIRST EVENT IS JANUARY 18!



*Our Mission:*  
**Connecting Grand-hearts with Grand-needs**



*Our Vision:*

***Providing the Grand-space and Grand-place for Grand-nurturing kids in need of Grand-parents\*.***

\*Connecting volunteers who are of grandparenting age, with foster kids in a planned monthly program/event focused on unconditional caring, kindness and fun in all we provide each time in a safe environment. Volunteer Grand-parent(s) guide unique experiences, crafts, games, and more spending time with the kids sharing talents and experiences at different stations of activities. We connect intergenerational hearts and minds with acceptance, care and consistency in showing up for each who participates! We are the Grand-parents for the Grand-hearts with Grand-needs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. **Register today** by calling 928-899-8372, or email us at –

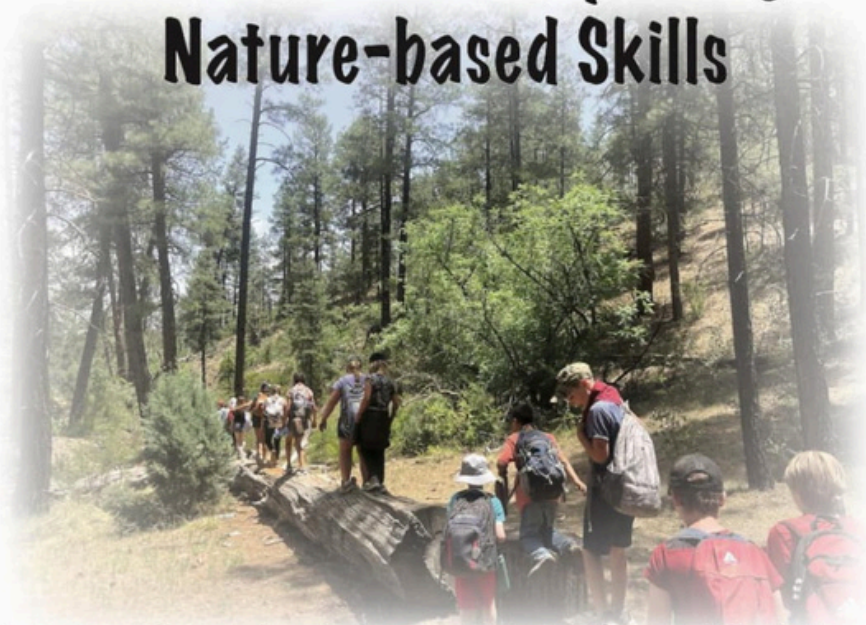
[League-of@grandparentchamps.org](mailto:League-of@grandparentchamps.org) or Find us at - [www.grandparentchamps.org](http://www.grandparentchamps.org) on the web!!

**Painting, puppetry, games, crafts, and more!!!**



# Spring Break Nature Camp

## Wild Wisdom: Exploring Nature-based Skills



Campers will spend each day practicing different skills that are useful for being outdoors. They will learn about wildfires, take part in watershed testing, explore using compasses, and so much more!

**Ages 6-13 years old**

**Monday, March 17th - Friday, March 21st**

Register today at [highlandcenter.org/youth-programs](http://highlandcenter.org/youth-programs)



**Click  
Here**

**for more information and to register**  
**Some scholarships are available or apply for a YC4KF grant online!**



Please consider attending CASAs Connecting Peer support group to help you be **successful** on your case. Because the work of a CASA is **confidential**, it is important to have a **safe** place to talk about your case. ALL CASAs are **highly encouraged** to attend a CASA support group. This support group provides **lively and informative discussions**. The attendees include a mix of veteran and new CASAs and CASA staff. These discussions can **help you understand system issues, procedures, identify needs and solve unanswered questions.**

## **2 AWESOME WAYS TO CONNECT!**

*CASAs Connecting*

*2/12/25 9 am - 11 am*

*in person*

*Please see flyer on following page for information on training being offered at this meeting!*

*Tele-CASA (on-line)*

*2/20/25 9 am - 11 am*

*The link for this meeting will be sent out via email the Tuesday before the meeting.*



# STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

## Protective Factors Framework

### Children's Social & Emotional Competence

At its heart, the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework is all about supporting families to build key protective factors that enable children to thrive. Protective factors are characteristics or strengths that promote positive well-being and healthy development. Most often, we see them as attributes that help families successfully navigate difficult situations.

**The Protective Factors Framework is a research-based approach to working with families that focuses on their strengths, and encourages the growth of five protective factors:**

- 1 Parental resilience
- 2 Social connections
- 3 Knowledge of parenting and child development
- 4 Concrete support in times of need
- 5 Social and emotional competence of children

The **Children's Social and Emotional Competence** course will allow participants to explore characteristics of children who are emotionally healthy and demonstrate strong social skills, learn ways to promote the social and emotional growth of children, and recognize how this protective factor is linked to preventing child maltreatment.

**To request a Children's Social & Emotional Competence training, contact Jerald Monahan:**

Jerald is a certified Protective Factors trainer through the Children's Trust Fund Alliance. He has presented these trainings around the state to various groups.

 [gerald.monahan@yc.edu](mailto:gerald.monahan@yc.edu)  928.830.1210

*This training will be offered at both the Prescott and Verde CASAs Connecting meetings!*

**CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND Alliance™**  
Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work  
CERTIFIED TRAINER

*Prescott: February 12 9am at the JJC Verde: February 13, 9:15am at CW Library*



# Build a better you *at the Rec*

We know we're not the only gym in town, but we do know we're the best! Your membership to the Cottonwood Recreation Center will give you access to not only our fitness center, but various other amenities you can't get at any other gym.

## ABOUT US

Since 2010, we have offered Cottonwood and the surrounding areas a high-quality facility to promote Recreation, Education, and Community. Children and adults alike will all feel welcome when they visit the Cottonwood Recreation Center.

## OUR AMENITIES

- ✓ *Multi-Use Gymnasium*
- ✓ *World-Class Fitness Center*
- ✓ *Climbing Rock Wall*
- ✓ *Indoor Pool & Hot Tub*
- ✓ *Aerobics Studio*
- ✓ *Event Hall & Party Room Rental Opportunities*
- ✓ *Game Room*

## Why join The Rec?

Being a part of the Cottonwood Recreation Center is more than just being a part of a gym. It is also being a part of the *community*.

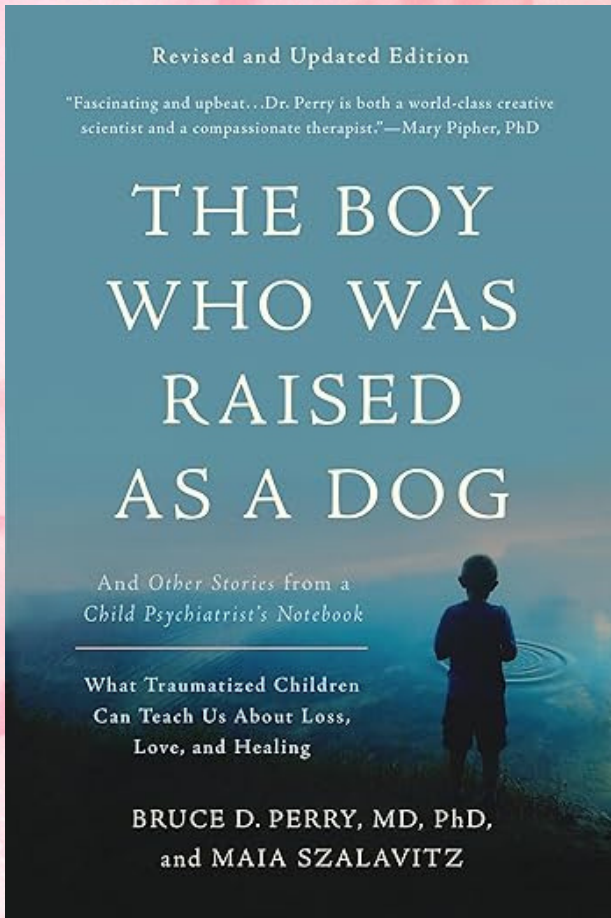
## Contact Us

(928) 639-3200 📞  
crcstaff@cottonwoodaz.gov ✉️  
150 S. 6th Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326 📍

**Please contact Jen Bahr for information on how to attend the Cottonwood Rec Center at [jbahr@courts.az.gov](mailto:jbahr@courts.az.gov)**

# BOOK CLUB

February 19  
9:30 am



"The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog" is a book by child psychiatrist Bruce Perry. The book describes a series of child abuse and neglect cases to illustrate how trauma impacts the developing brain and explain how he and his colleagues established an effective therapy model for traumatized children. One of the cases described in the book is that of Justin, a six-year old boy who had spent five years, from age one to age six, in a kennel."

## Books Available

**IN THE CASA OFFICE**

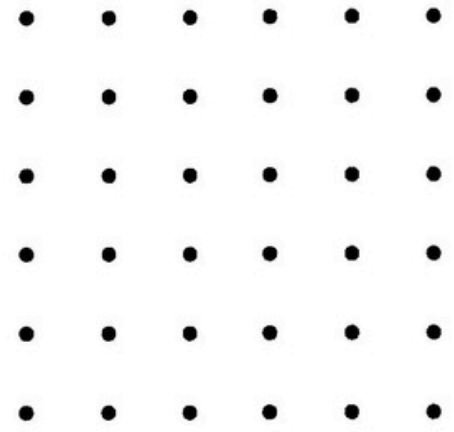
Pick up yours now!

**OR YOU CAN PICK UP AN AMAZON GIFT CARD TO COVER THE COST OF A PAPERBACK COPY, DIGITAL COPY, OR AUDIBLE COPY OF THE BOOK**

Great Discussions!  
Training Hours!



# Free Virtual Tutoring and Homework Help



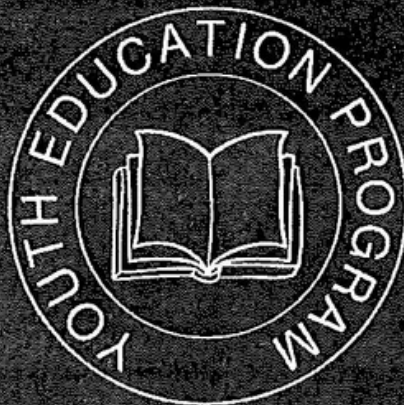
- ASU students are offering free virtual tutoring and homework help for youth.
- Our tutors can help with math, science, English, and many other subjects.
- Sessions are completely free.
- Tutors offer one-on-one sessions.
- We provide a judgment-free space to learn and get extra help.
- All tutors are background-checked.

**Start now!**



**[bit.ly/asu\\_tutor](https://bit.ly/asu_tutor)**

**Sessions  
offered daily  
via  zoom**



A Youth Justice Lab Program

**ASU**

**School of  
Criminology and  
Criminal Justice  
Arizona State  
University**



# WRAPPED IN LOVE

The Wrapped in Love (WiL) Diaper Bank provides diapers and supplies to struggling families across Yavapai County. Diapers are given to families through their affiliation with a service agency in the community. WiL promotes health and wellness by providing Yavapai County participants with diapers, wipes and referrals to local services. The overarching goal of WiL is to alleviate the cost of diapering and strengthen access to resources for struggling families in Yavapai County. The staff and volunteers at WiL coordinate with community agencies and family programs to ensure that needy families have access to the resources available to assist them in raising healthy children.

Yavapai County CASA Volunteers can request diapers for their foster or kinship families who are struggling to buy diapers.

If you would like to order diapers for your CASA baby's family, please contact your coordinator.



### FosterEd Arizona

FosterEd Arizona is a non-profit organization that is committed to helping youth in foster care succeed in school. FosterEd collaborates with the Department of Child Services, the Court, Behavioral Services, and schools, but we are a separate organization, serving students in foster care in grades K-12.

### Our Vision

FosterEd's mission is to ensure that every student in foster care graduates from high school with a wide array of possibilities for their future. To make that happen, we believe youth need three key things:

1. Effective and committed Education Champions
2. Well-coordinated Education Teams
3. Student-centered Education Plans

### Our Work

FosterEd Education Liaisons work with youth to:

- Set and achieve their own education goals
- Develop academic mindset, self-determination, self-advocacy and perseverance
- Remove barriers to school success in enrollment, special education needs, and credit recovery
- Keep students in their school of origin even if the foster care placement changes
- Minimize the effects of disciplinary actions that keep students out of school
- Provide access to appropriate supports and services
- And more!

### Connecting with FosterEd

If the Judge has recommended that your student work with FosterEd, your DCS case specialist will make a referral. If your case is appropriate for us you will be contacted by our Education Liaison, Shane Carr. You can expect to be contacted within two working days of our acceptance of the referral. Questions? (928)315-5906 or [scarr@youthlaw.org](mailto:scarr@youthlaw.org)



**FosterEd | Arizona**  
Champions for System-Involved Scholars



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## January in Yavapai County

**6** New Cases filed

**8** Children taken into DCS custody

**242** Total number of children in DCS Care

**83** Number of CASAs

**106** Children with a CASA

Kids who still need a CASA

**136**



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