



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

# Change a Child's Story

Yavapai County CASA Program Newsletter

**MAY 2025**

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## Appreciation Luncheon

A special Thank You to  
Eileen Bond and Judge  
Young for their inspiring  
messages!



# Coordinators' Corner



**Wow!**

FTC art project created by a father for his daughter. Read more about Family Treatment Court on Page 11!



New CASA Sharleen H. being sworn in by Judge Young

*Appreciate you!*



CASAs Dorie and Rita spreading the CASA word at the Pinwheel Party with Brie

**Way to GO!**



CASA Laura P. at the Road Critorium bike race in Clarkdale



New CASAs Meg and Debbie taking the CASA Oath

## 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 2025

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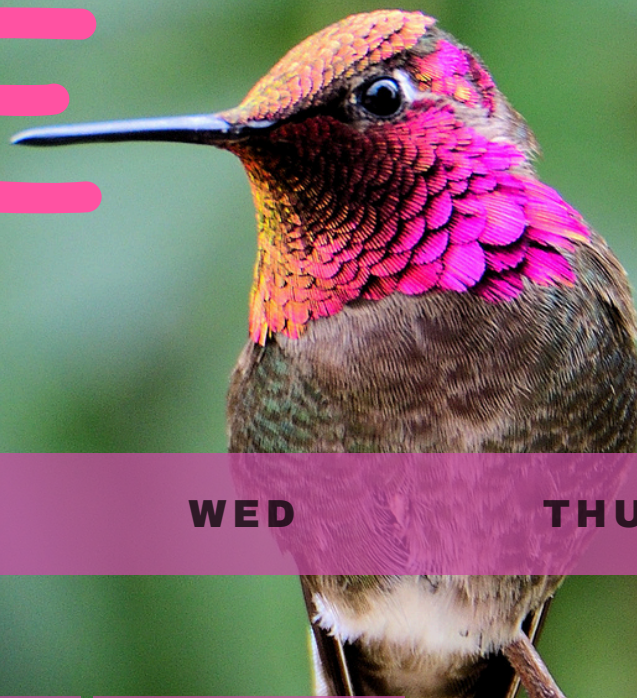
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**Prescott**

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★MEMORIAL DAY★

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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**KAREN DEEGAN 5/7**

**ROBERTA HATCH 5/8**

**LYNN MOFFATT 5/17**

**KIM NAUGLE 5/20**

**LAURA PRATT 05/29**

Happy  
**Anniversary**

**Scott Nave 2 years**

**Janice Lisboa 3 years**

**Cathy Johnson  
7 years**

**Terri Zammataro  
7 years**

**Jeni O'Callaghan 8 years**



# CASA Kudos



**Kudos to Ann Michael for seeing her case through to her child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**Kudos to Greg Byrum for walking along his teen as he is dealing with the consequences of his actions.**



**Kudos to Carol Hinrichs for taking a new baby case.**

**Kudos to Don, Greg, and Brandee Patton (DCS) for participating in a new casa panel.**

**Kudos to Patti Sargent for taking a new case, siblings in the Verde.**

**Kudos to Laura Ashbrook for taking a new case in Buckeye.**



**Kudos to Ken, Jill, Ray, and Ron for going with the flow of coordinator changes**

**Kudos to Bev Medlyn and Nancy Taylor for taking a case together with 4 children.**

**Kudos to Sharleen H. for completing academy, court observation, and being sworn in!**

**Kudos to Laura P. for participating in the CASA Outreach Event in Clarkdale.**

**Kudos to Elizabeth S. for taking on an additional case that is complex and challenging!**

**Kudos to Rose V.N., and Michael E. for tackling their first court report on their respective cases!**

**Kudos to Dawn B. for being proactive and seeking out awesome activities for her CASA kiddos to participate in!**

**Kudos to Miranda F., Diane J., Jeni O., Laura P., Rose V.N., and Michael E. for completing their 12 hours of required training!**

**Kudos to Rita D. for seeing her first case through to reunification and being such a big support to their CASA kiddo!**



**Kudos to Meg R. and Debbie T. for completing Academy and court observation!**

**Kudos to Dorie S., Rita D., and Amy E. for volunteering at the Pinwheel Party.**



**Kudos to Tricia C. for stepping in on a case to support a CASA who needed to take time to focus on health priorities.**

**Kudos to Sue F. for continuing to work hard to support the whole family on a challenging case!**

**Kudos to Renee O. for working so hard to get her CASA child's dental needs met!**



# DEPENDENCY

## 101

## SHARED PARENTING PANEL

This year, one of the goals of the Court Team for Infants and Toddlers (Best for Babies) in Yavapai County was to expand Dependency 101 training for foster and kinship placements to include shared parenting. On the evening of April 10, 2025, the Dependency 101 Class held at the Juvenile Justice Center in Prescott highlighted a shared parenting panel that consisted of two foster placement couples, one kinship placement couple, and two biological mothers who were all amazing!

During the class, the panel shared their personal successes and challenges they have had regarding shared parenting. Dependency 101 Class participants also had the opportunity to ask questions about shared parenting to the panel. Participants were so inspired by the vulnerability, transparency, and willingness from the panel to share their personal stories that a few tears may have been shed. This especially held true when hearing from the two biological mothers who shared how the support from their respective foster placements who cared for their children during the dependency process made such a positive impact on their lives. Not only did the respective foster placements show compassion for them as mothers but also encouraged and included them every step of the way to be part of their children's lives with the hope of reunification (which occurred). This openness led to a mutual respect and trust between the biological mothers and respective foster placements which transpired into long lasting friendship that continue to this day 😊

At the Dependency 101 Class, foster and kinship participants were provided a shared parenting binder that included *DCS Practice Guidelines: Maintaining Parent-Child Relationships through Shared Parenting* handout, *MOhelp.org* card attached to the handout with a QR code on the back for the DCS Go-To Guide for Foster and Kinship Caregivers. A *DCS Shared Parenting-Shared Love* Journal was also included.

To the panel, you are all truly amazing human beings, and we thank you for sharing your personal journeys regarding shared parenting and the amazing work you do as foster and kinship placements and parents!

A huge thank you goes out to DCS for their continued support and willingness to provide childcare for our foster and kinship placements who attend the Dependency 101 Classes!

To everyone who has attended and assisted with a Dependency 101 Class, thank you! Without your support and promotion of the classes they would not be as successful as they continue to be! Please continue to share these wonderful and informative Dependency 101 classes with those that work with foster and kinship placements 😊

# **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, SUGGESTIONS AND SAFE AZ RECAP!**



This is your friendly reminder that CASAs need 12 hours of ongoing training annually. You can check your Dashboard or contact your Coordinator if you are not sure how many hours you currently have.

As you read through the newsletter you will see some upcoming trainings that might interest you. The Learning Management System, TraCorp also has many opportunities for recorded, online trainings. Just type a key word like CASA or Dependency in the search bar to find a relevant training. Of course, we also have books available to read for training hours and even the newsletter counts as 30 minutes of training! Attending CASA Connecting meetings (in-person or virtual) also counts as training hours. Ask your Coordinator for recommendations on a Pod Cast, if that is something you enjoy!

On April 17th, 24 CASA volunteers and staff were able to attend the S.A.F.E. (Safety Assessment Family Evaluation) Model training put on by The Department of Child Safety. Present Danger Assessments, Present Danger Planning, Family Functioning Assessments and Safety Determinations were just some of the items covered. There was also a very informative dialog between CASAs and the presenters. If you were unable to attend but want more information, please visit this link [DCS Policy](#) to the DCS Policy Manual for more information.

Or the QR Code here will also take you directly to the DCS Policy Manual.





## New Life Skills Program

I have some exciting Family Treatment Court news! We have added a new life skills training program to our group agenda. This is a 6-month pilot program, and it includes topics such as: *time management and organizational skills; search for stable housing; money management; cooking, nutrition, and grocery shopping; health, fitness, and stress management; and communication skills with resume building and interview practice.* When surveyed, our group prioritized these topics as the areas they felt would bring them the most success. It is our hope that this program enhancement will prove to be a substantial benefit to the Family Treatment Court participants as they work through the process of reunifying their families.

**If you were unable to attend one of our presentations, here is a brief summary of the Family Treatment Court program mission.** Family Treatment Court is a voluntary court program designed to provide structure and support for parents who are working to remain clean and sober from drugs and alcohol. For approximately nine months to a year, participants in Family Treatment Court are provided with treatment services and their progress is reviewed by the court in regularly set hearings. Our team of professionals, including CASAs, offer outstanding support and feedback for each parent in our program. The goal of Family Treatment Court is to guide parents into a substance free lifestyle and ultimately reunify their families.

As an added benefit, participants in Family Treatment Court attend our required parent support group prior to every Family Treatment Court hearing. It is specific to the needs of this program and provides recovery guidance combined with useful parenting education, some fun art therapy projects, and the new life skills modules. This group allows for encouragement and collaboration between parents in a confidential setting. It is an opportunity to learn alongside peers who are in the same situation, but at various stages in their recovery and dependency cases. They offer words of encouragement to each other. They watch each other's struggles and successes and find inspiration along the way.

Participation in Family Treatment Court demonstrates a parent's commitment to sobriety, and fulfilling all program obligations is a well-earned achievement. A graduate from Family Treatment Court is recognized by the court, the team, and fellow participants. The majority of Family Treatment Court graduates find success in their dependency cases. *In fact, over the past 4 years we have had a 96% success rate!*

*Wow!*

CASAs may attend team staffing with the Family Treatment Court judge to learn about a parent's status in the program and may be given the opportunity to provide important insight that assists in making decisions on behalf of the parent. It is also an opportunity to be there in support of parents in the hearing, and to celebrate phase promotions and graduations!

**If you missed one of our presentations and would like to learn more about this program, I may be reached at [knewman@courts.az.gov](mailto:knewman@courts.az.gov) or by phone at (928) 771-3398. I will be happy to answer questions and set up a time for you to observe our program in action!**

*Kristi Newman, Program Coordinator*

*Engaging Youth. Building Supports. Strengthening Opportunities.*



I am an adoptee. But I was a foster kid first. Last October, I celebrated my 50th birthday. Even though my childhood happened a long, long time ago in a land far, far away, I still carry it with me like a dark storm cloud in my bones, my memory, and my DNA. Sometimes when I think about everything I went through, I can't believe I survived.

Part of the problem was that nobody ever asked how I felt or what I needed.

When I was 10, my brother and I were removed from our mother's custody for the final time. Separated from my brother, I began a new life as a foster kid and felt the grief and loneliness that unavoidably comes with the loss of family and familiarity. Being in foster care was not better than being with my mom. It was much worse because I still suffered from abuse, and now I also suffered from extreme emotional despair. Life became an exhausting existence of chores, rationed food, and a system of rules that only applied to the

foster children. I envied and despised the biological daughter because she received special treatment, softness, care, and love.

Even though I begged my grandparents to take me in, they could not comprehend the gravity of my intense fear and alienation. I drowned daily in a system that purportedly had no concerns other than my well-being. Thankfully, my teacher was working overtime, without my knowledge, to help me.

I never should have been left alone in these homes, put at risk, and worn down until I felt I didn't matter at all. No child should be. Without realizing it, I fell into denial. I walked around half-empty with a forced smile on my face so everyone would be happy with me. I cried myself to sleep. I gave up hope, and I barely coped.

Even though my teacher rescued me, I was still at risk. Her consistent support and unconditional love over many years allowed me to shed some of my loneliness. I would not be here today if she hadn't stepped in. But what about the hundreds of thousands of foster kids who don't have a teacher willing to risk everything to help them? What do those kids get? How will they survive?

By shedding light on what I needed as a foster kid, I hope to help other foster kids get what they need.

How can we give kids a greater chance at happiness and surviving foster care?

1. Teach them to reflect privately through journaling and other creative or artistic outlets and encourage them to read. Developing a private world through creativity would have helped me cultivate internal peace and independence. Having access to books and being inspired to read would've helped me develop an understanding of myself, others, and the world.
2. Provide a kid-centered, judgment-free environment. So often, foster kids feel their "otherness" so viscerally that it can be painful and damaging to their ego and emotions. When kids are welcomed and treated with lightheartedness, patience, and understanding rather than with disappointment, blame, and shame, they can feel at ease, and anxiety can fall away. Every interaction provides an opportunity for connection, safety, and consistency—three things vital to a person's well-being.
3. Allow them to make decisions. Food insecurity has caused a host of issues for me, and having my food rationed contributed to body dysmorphia and disordered eating. Giving kids some freedom over their daily nutrition, clothing, and interests helps them develop confidence and healthy attunement to their bodies and identities.
4. Schedule unsupervised weekly check-ins with a social worker (no foster parents listening) and regular time with a counselor or therapist. Gentle, honest discussions about my experience and specific questions about my well-being from sincere, well-meaning adults—social workers, teachers, and counselors—would have increased my sense of agency and confidence.
5. Show genuine interest in who they are. My foster parents never asked about school or my family. The three worlds remained separate, and I had to bear the weight of my biological family and my trauma alone. Having my foster parents show concern and interest would have helped me feel more connected to all the truths in my life rather than making me feel like I had to deny them and, in doing so, deny parts of myself.

This list is not exhaustive. But it's a start. The bad news regarding this list is that kids must rely on the adults in their lives to initiate and provide these coping aids. But everyone needs support.

The good news is that everything on this list is achievable.

These tools wouldn't have cured my mother's mental illness or sent me back to a time before she harmed me, but they might have prevented the exacerbation of my complex trauma. Feeling like an actual person who mattered instead of just another poor kid who had nowhere else to go would have eased my pain and helped me see some silver linings in the dark, heavy clouds that hung over me. Every child deserves this. Every child deserves to believe in a better future.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families  
Administration on Children, Youth and Families  
Children's Bureau



**Please join us Friday, May 2nd**

**10 am to 12 pm**

3298 N Bob Drive, Prescott Valley

The monthly Yavapai Best for Babies meeting brings together child welfare professionals and community members to discuss what we can do to **ensure best outcomes for infants and toddlers in foster or kinship care.**

## **Topic: Possible Effects of Economic Changes on Families - A Community Conversation**

**A range of spending cuts and other proposals that are reportedly being considered would increase hardship for individuals and families in every part of our nation by taking away health coverage, food assistance, and other supports to people who struggle to afford the basics.**

Please join us for a community conversation to discuss how economic changes are affecting Yavapai families and agencies, and brainstorm ideas to alleviate the impact and keep families connected to crucial resources.



**Who Should Attend?** Child Welfare Professionals \* Foster Parents and Kinship Families \* Foster Parent Licensing and Training Personnel \* CASAs \* DCS/DDD Supervisors and Caseworkers \* Parent Aides \* Visit Coaches \* Court Personnel \* Attorneys \* Guardians ad litem \* Behavioral Health Professionals \* Early Care / Education Providers \* Providers of Services to Families \* Anyone who works with or cares for young children

Ideas for future topics? Email [meghan@pcaaz.org](mailto:meghan@pcaaz.org)  
Prevent Child Abuse Arizona | 928.445.5038 | [pcaaz.org](http://pcaaz.org)

# MATFORCE

Working together to reduce substance abuse

## ***Understanding Trauma Its Impact and How to Help Presented by David Pope***

Author and retired substance abuse counselor, David Pope, will lead this presentation covering a range of topics related to trauma:

- Defining trauma and differentiating between types of traumatic experiences.
- Understanding the trauma response and its interconnectedness with addiction, generational abuse, depression, and anxiety.
- Exploring the physical, emotional, and spiritual impacts of trauma.
- Providing guidance on how to support individuals dealing with trauma.
  - Reviewing common myths about trauma.
  - Offering strategies for developing healthy responses.
  - n how we can work together to combat its effects.

Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10 am - 11 am

HUSD District Office

6901 E. Panther Path, Room 106, Prescott Valley

Registration is free. Contact [info@matforceaz.org](mailto:info@matforceaz.org)  
or call 928-708-0100.

## ***What is Stress and How to Manage it in a Healthy Way***

*Presented by Tom Benson*

**Thursday June 26, 2025 11 am to 12 pm**

**(virtual)**

Scientists and medical researchers have established beyond doubt that persistent stress can poison our overall health. This presentation provides evidence-based strategies to manage both day-to-day and chronic stress.

“The perceived level of psychological stress has risen dramatically across the globe due a combination of events. The consequences of this broadscale increase in stress are only beginning to be appreciated, but evidence suggests that we are facing a second pandemic of mood and anxiety disorders.” - Huda Akil; Eric J. Nestler

**Registration is free, but required to attend.**

**[Register Here](#)**

# **VICTIM'S RIGHTS Training**

**When:**

**May 12th, 2025 9-10am**

**Where:**

**Juvenile Justice Center, Hearing Room**

**Provided by: Yavapai County Attorney's Office,  
Victim Service Division - training for CASAs**

**RSVP to Jessica Hines  
[jhines@courts.az.gov](mailto:jhines@courts.az.gov)  
or (928) 771-3165**





## 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.

<p><b>October 5th</b> <b>Fain Park</b> 2200 N. 5th Street Prescott Valley, AZ 86314</p>	<p><b>November 2nd</b> <b>Acker Park</b> 421 S. Virginia Street Prescott, AZ 86303</p>	<p><b>December 7th</b> <b>Santa Fe Station Park</b> 6751 E Santa Fe Loop Prescott Valley, AZ 86314</p>
<p><b>January 4th</b> <b>Vista Park</b> 1701 Sarafina Drive Prescott, AZ 86301</p>	<p><b>February 1st</b> <b>Watson Lake</b> Upper Ramada 3700 Watson Lake Drive Prescott, AZ 86301</p>	<p><b>March 1st</b> <b>Pioneer Park</b> Brownlow Area 1195 Commerce Drive Prescott, AZ 86305</p>
<p><b>April 5th</b> <b>Community Nature Center</b> 1980 Williamson Valley Rd Prescott, AZ 86305</p>	<p><b>April 19th</b> <b>Prescott Earth Day</b> Courthouse Square</p> <p><b>May 3rd</b> <b>Goldwater Lake</b> Upper 2900 S. Goldwater Lake Road Prescott, AZ 86303</p>	<p><b>June 7th</b> <b>Granite Creek Park</b> 554 6th Street Prescott, AZ 86301</p>
<p><b>July 5th</b> <b>Antelope Park</b> 6933 N. Cattletrack Road Prescott Valley, AZ 86314</p>	<p><b>August 2nd</b> <b>West Granite Creek</b> Splash Pad 350 N. Montezuma Street Prescott, AZ 86301</p>	<p><b>September 6th</b> <b>Thumb Butte</b> Prescott National Forest 2285 W. Thumb Butte Road Prescott, AZ 86305</p>



These organizations are equal opportunity providers

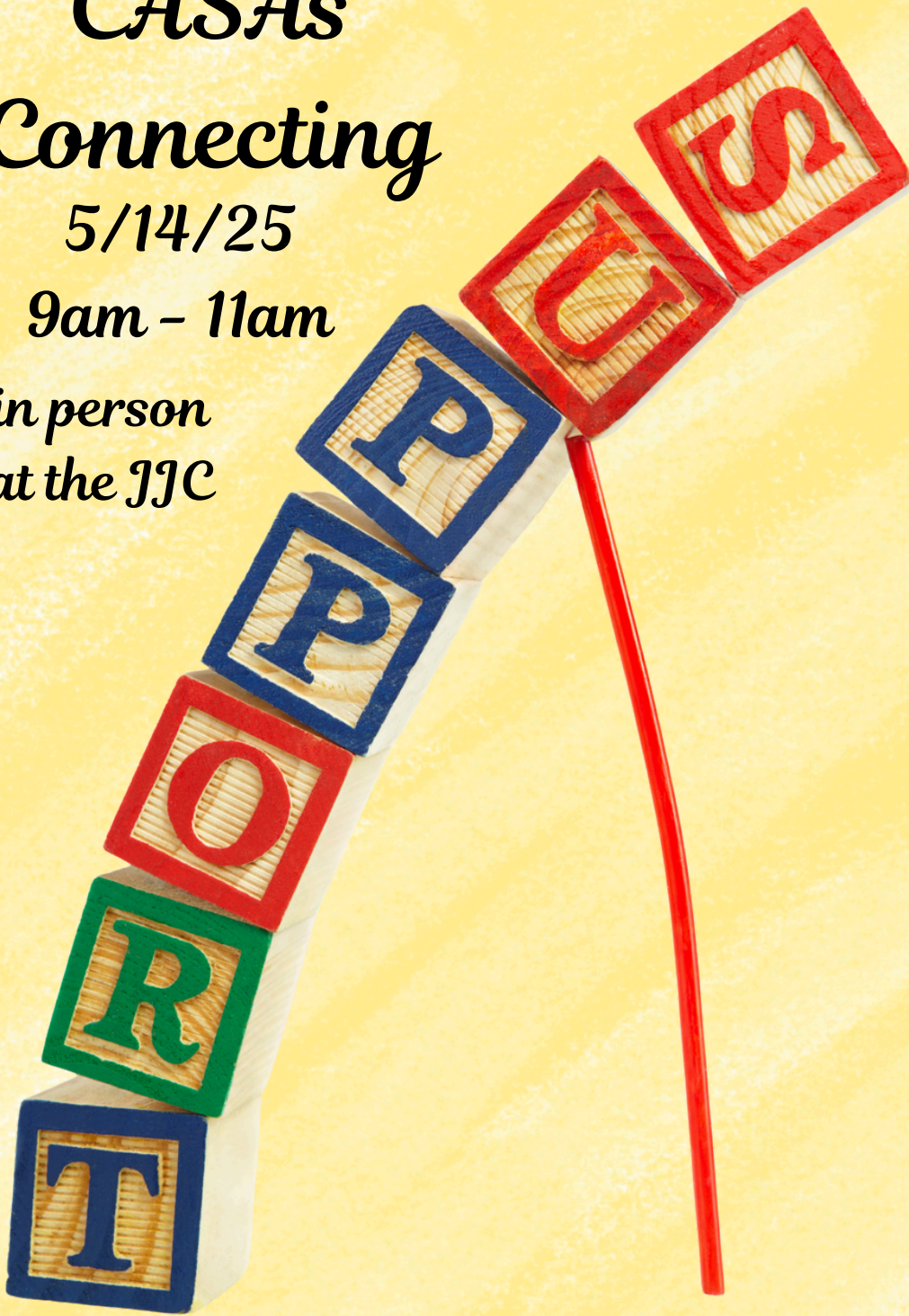
# CASAs

## Connecting

5/14/25

9am - 11am

*in person  
at the JJC*



**Tele-CASA**

(on-line)  
5/29/25

9 am - 11 am

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

## Attend 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.****



**OPEN HOUSE!!**  
**MAY 17, 9 A.M. TO NOON**  
**8944 E. SOMMER DR., PV**  
**COME VIST AND HAVE FUN TOO!**

# **Come Have Fun**

*Grand-Hearts for Grand-Kids*



*3rd Saturday EVERY Month*  
*9 a.m. to 12 p.m.*  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

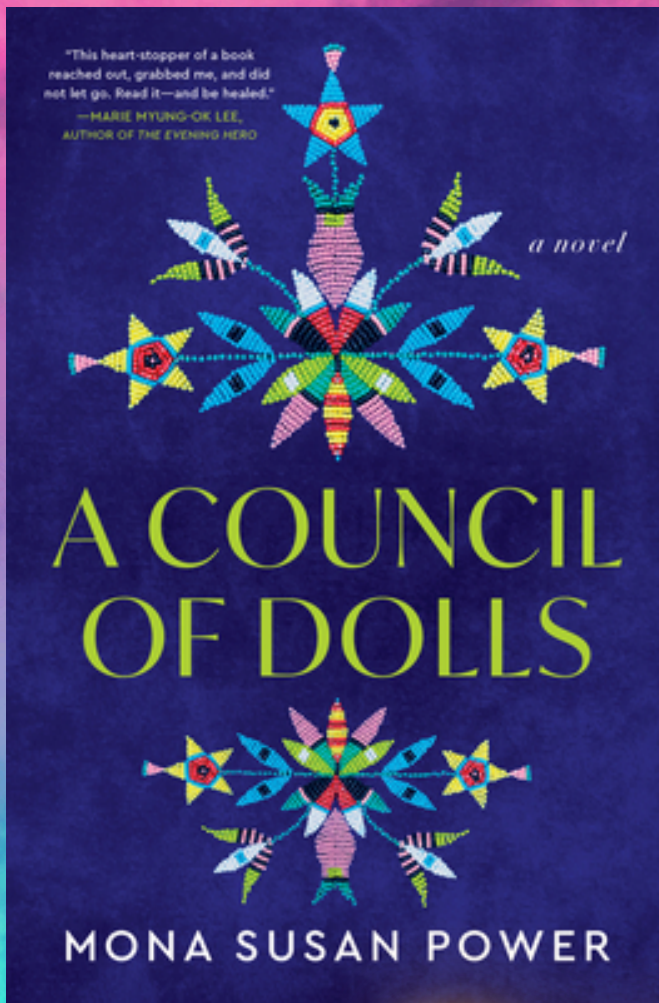
**free for kids**  
**ages 4-10**

*Call - 928-899-8372*

[www.grandparentchamps.org](http://www.grandparentchamps.org)

✧ Book  
Club ✧

June 23 at  
9:30 am  
JJC



*From the mid-century metropolis of Chicago to the windswept ancestral lands of the Dakota people to the bleak and brutal Indian boarding schools, *A Council of Dolls* is the story of three women, told in part through the stories of the dolls they carried.*

**Books  
Available**

**IN THE CASA OFFICE**

# CELEBRATION!



## Gift Cards



**Does your CASA kiddo have a birthday coming up? Get a great report card or improve in a class they were struggling with? Successfully complete potty training? Any other event or milestone? Stop by the CASA office to pick up a Celebration Gift Card! Thank you YCFKF!**

## 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.



HERITAGE PARK  
ZOOLOGICAL  
SANCTUARY

summer

ZOO CAMP

Monday - Friday

8:30am - 3:00pm Daily

7 Weeks June - July!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

*Week 1: June 2 - 6*

*Week 2: June 9 - 13*

*Week 3: June 16 - 20*

*Week 4: June 23 - 27*

*Week 5: July 7 - 11*

*Week 6: July 14 - 18*

*Week 7: July 21 - 25*

Register Here!



Apply for a Yavapai  
CASA for Kids  
Foundation Grant  
Here!



SUPPORT A CHILD

CHANGE A LIFE

NORTHERN ARIZONA HOSPICE PRESENTS



**MEET AT BLAZIN' M RANCH  
1875 MABERY RANCH RD, COTTONWOOD  
STARTS @3PM 5/30/25 | PICK UP 4PM 5/31/25  
OPEN TO AGES 6-18**

**FREE!**

**A CHILD'S JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF  
CHILDRENS BEREAVEMENT CAMP**

**OVERNIGHT  
CAMP!  
5/30-5/31  
2025**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CALL: ED GARDNER  
(928) 639.6676**

**TO APPLY, SCAN BELOW:**



**Northern Arizona  
Hospice**



**WWW.CAMPPATHWAYS.COM**

# Blue Plume Studio

## Chino Valley Summer Day Camps are here!

Join us this year for FULL day camps featuring art, outdoor play, meet and greets with animals and garden time featuring food and flowers! Your creative nature lover will not want to miss this camp!!! Hurry over to register!

Limited Space available!

Registration here: [Blue Plume](#)

or call (253) 905-2842

Grants available to offer classes to foster children



Summer Paradise!

SUMMER

Art & Farm DAY CAMP!

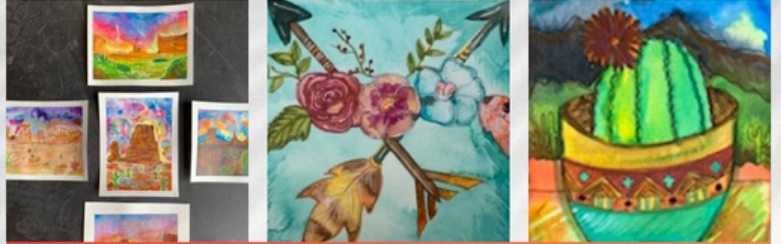


\$285 PER WEEK

5-12 years old  
June 16 - 20 8 am-3:30  
Bring lunch & water bottle



BLUE PLUME STUDIO.COM



Oh Arizona!

SUMMER

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June 2 - 6 8 am-3:30  
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Into the Wild West!

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More dates in July available also

# SUMMER CAMPS Are Back!!

Week 1 June 2-6, Week 2 June 14-18,  
Week 3 June 16-20

Week 4 July 7-11, Week 5 July 14-18,  
Week 6 July 21-25

For more details check out [gripstoneclimbing.com](http://gripstoneclimbing.com)  
Or contact us at (928)458-7579

**Sign-ups Available Today!**



Apply for a Yavapai  
CASA for Kids  
Foundation Grant  
Here!



# DEPENDENCY ATTORNEY TRAINING

## YAVAPAI COUNTY

Brought to you by the Administrative Office of the Courts, Court Improvement Program and the Superior Court of Yavapai County

### WHO CAN ATTEND:

JUDGES, ATTORNEYS, CASAS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN THE JUVENILE DEPENDENCY PROCESS.

LEAD JUDICIAL FACULTY  
HON. ANNA YOUNG

### DATE/LOCATION

JUNE 6, 2025

TIME: 8:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M.

YAVAPAI COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER  
1100 PRESCOTT LAKES PARKWAY  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA 86301

### TOPICS

EFFECTS OF EARLY TRAUMA ON INFANTS AND TODDLERS  
EVIDENTIARY RECORD  
REPRESENTING CLIENTS IN RURAL AREAS  
CASE LAW UPDATE  
MUCH MORE

### REGISTRATION

- No cost for registration or materials.
- Registration required for attendance.
- Deadline is June 3, 2025
- To Register, click the Register button below:

If you can't remember your password please do not create a new profile. Click on "forgot password" link at the log in screen to reset your password. **Click on the links below for step-by-step instructional videos on**

[REGISTER](#)

- how to set up a new user account
- reset a password
- retrieve a certificate or transcript.

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS SEEKING CLE/COJET CREDIT.



## 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

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## April in Yavapai County

**10** New Cases filed

**14** Children taken into DCS custody

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

**83** Number of CASAs

**114** Children with a CASA

Kids who still need a CASA

**128**



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