

CASA NEWS

CASA of Washington County Indiana, Inc. Newsletter

CASA in the Community

On March 14th, 2022 our newest volunteer, Savannah Jones, and Executive Director, Courtney Williams, were sworn in by Judge Larry Medlock to begin serving as CASA Volunteers! Savannah is already hard at work on her first case!





Courtney Williams and Amber Colwell had the opportunity to present to the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Networking at Noon event about CASA of Washington County and CASA Cares. There were over 30 folks in attendance and lots of great connections were

made!



Anniversaries and Birthdays

March 8

Donna Collins—6 years of CASA Service

<u>March 19</u>

Rosemary Jones-Birthday

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

110— number of volunteer hours logged in March

47— active children during the month of March

60—total hours spent in court in March

1—case closed through reunification (way to go Dustin H!)



Research...we all know what it is, but how can doing good and thorough research assist us as CASA volunteers to do best interest advocacy on behalf of the children we serve? When you are assigned a case it is important read the entire case file in Optima. Having a good working knowledge of all background information is imperative in order for you to do your best work as a CASA. If you think something is missing or you need more information, just ask! The FCM assigned to your case can be an asset to you! I can also get documents you need in order for you to thoroughly research of your case.

Research shouldn't just happen at the beginning of a case. Every so often, go back through Optima and reread important documents, remake lists of people to interview, see what else there is to learn! Research is an ongoing process, and the more we do it, the more we know about our case when it comes time for court!



- On Monday 4/4, Courtney will be attending the Rotary Club meeting to accept a
 donation from their group for CASA! If you know a Rotarian in Washington
 County, please thank them for the generous gift!
- There is no CHINS Court on 4/12. If you have a hearing scheduled in Optima for this date, let me know so I can get a correct date.
- The State CASA Conference for all Directors, Staff, and Volunteers will be held in French Lick, IN at the end of September. This will be a one day conference and will be on a Saturday. When I have an exact date and more details, I will send those out to everyone. It would be great to have as many volunteers there as possible to represent Washington County but also learn from presenters and other volunteers!

AND REMEMBER

