



CASA Program News: Volume VI, 8/2018

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CASA Advocate and Super-hero, Andy Alberding

CASA SUPER-HERO

Andy Alberding grew up in Douglas County. Married to his wife, Sherrie, for 22 years, they have two children. Andy became a trained **CASA** volunteer advocate for children in foster care after hearing a speaker at a Kiwanis club luncheon. Andy is Project Manager at Sims Electric. In his spare time, he races on the Northwest Sprintcar Racing tour at tracks across the northwest where he drives Sprint car #76. And he still finds time to be a **CASA!**

CASA Volunteers "extraordinary heroes" in our community!

Join us Mondays at 12:15 - 1:00 pm to learn more.
CASA Training begins July 20.
Apply: 541-672-7001
info@casaofdouglascounty.org

We have 65 Super-heroes! One is new CASA Advocate, Andy Alberding! We were able to feature him in the News Review paper and online recently. Thank you, Andy, for all you do for your community!

INFO Chats

Mondays, 12:15– 1:00 pm. Interested volunteers are welcome to attend! This is a chance to bring a friend or interested volunteer to ask questions & learn about CASA while enjoying a light lunch! Tell your friends, family, and colleagues to give us a call and come see us on a Monday!

RSVP: 541-672-7001.



Every child needs a hero but abused children need superheroes.

Fall Super-Hero Launch Training!

Who else would make a great Super-hero to a child or youth in foster care? Pass the word on that Fall CASA Training will begin in late October and it is never too early to come chat with us! *Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see Event postings!*

#BEaPartofTheCASAMovement

Farewell *Richelle*



Richelle Bryant has been the Executive Director of CASA of Curry and Douglas Counties since March 2017. Staff, board members and advocates have appreciated her compassionate and visionary leadership. Previously, Richelle served in Afghanistan for 6 ½ years. She had an opportunity to return in support of the US Military mission. So it was with a sad heart we announced that her last day was June 22 and her deployment was soon after. We all sent her off with much respect and well wishes for her safe care. We are confident she will accomplish what will be needed there and hope she will return soon!

Richelle shared that it was her highest honor to serve with our CASA team and a pleasure to lead CASA of Douglas & Curry Counties as a part of the incredible work in serving our community's most vulnerable children. She thanked her extraordinary CASA Team, funding partners, collaborative community agencies, and colleagues. She is looking forward to seeing everyone one day again and contributing to this vital mission moving forward. Finally, she conveyed her warmest regards to all!

Please enjoy these pictures of our 'send off' for her...



CASA Board of Directors



CASA Staff



Richelle with her mother!



Our Buffet for her send off!



Richelle with 'Sister'!

CASA's Program Support Specialist!



Amber Urbaniak has been a CASA for over a year! June 1st we hired her as the CASA 'Program Support Specialist/Office Manager'. We are lucky to have her warm enthusiasm and superb customer service here to welcome you or help with CASA's DHS Discovery.

Amber served ten years as a Barista at Starbucks. Growing up in a small northern Michigan town, Amber enjoys being outdoors and exploring. Being able to travel and move throughout the US has provided many adventures for her and her husband, Steve.

Amber has always had a passion for serving others, which is why she likes to become a part of the communities she lives in. She is very passionate about children and animals, and hopes for the future to create a Farm Sanctuary for all types of animals that children will have an opportunity to observe, learn, and engage with them. Welcome, Amber!

Self-Care Ideas as a CASA: Coloring!

Coloring is a powerful tool. There are science-backed reasons that it really isn't just for the kids! It brings about mindfulness, which is an essential element of good self-care. It stimulates our imaginations. Want to relax and de-stress? Coloring generates wellness by allowing us to enter into a more creative state. This activity is not only inexpensive, but provides all different kinds of designs to use, and you have a choice of utensils: markers, colored pencils and good ol' crayons. Most importantly, this is FUN & you can even do this with your CASA youth or children!! **ENJOY!**



Upcoming Calendar of Events

Wednesday, August 1 @ 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Peer Coordinator Huddle: Barbecue!

Mondays, 12:15 – 1:00 pm
CASA INFO Chats
Anyone may come learn about the CASA Movement!

Monday, August 6th 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
CASA Advanced Practice Clinic!
Learn how to increase the effectiveness of your CASA skills and practice! Pam Knudson leads this training. Open to all advocates! *Please sign up in the office!

Thursday, August 9, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
CASA's 'Food For Thought' -
Bullying and Youth in Foster Care

Saturday, August 11th – 8:30 – 1:00 pm
Umpqua Valley Farmer's Market - CASA Info Booth
Always the 2nd Saturday! *Sign up in office to join Staff!



Thursday, August 16th @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Lunch -N- Learn: Clarifying Court Basics with Judge Thomas in [Courtroom #401](#). Experienced CASAs welcome to New CASA Training on timeline & roles!

Friday, August 17th @ 8:30 am in Courtroom #401
New CASA Swearing-in/ Reception afterwards at CASA. Please join us to honor our new advocates!

Friday, August 24th @ 11:00 – 3:00 pm @ Stewart Park
CASA Booth: Douglas C.A.R.E.S. Foster Family Fun Day!

Thursday, September 13, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
CASA's Food for Thought: 'Back to School: Lifeline or Trapdoor for Youth in Care?'

Saturday, September 8th – 8:30 – 1:00 Umpqua Valley Farmer's Market CASA Info Booth!

Thursday, September 27, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
CASA's VOLUNTEER Appreciation Barbecue & Potluck!
Contact Scott for more information, 541-672-7001.

'Walk with CASA'!

10:30am - Thursdays

Meet in our reception area & walk or saunter together around the neighborhood!



R.A.S.C.A.L.

(Random Acts of Self-Care and Leisure)

Recognition



What radical and random self-care or leisure activity have you discovered recently? Tell us! You just might earn some 'R.A.S.C.A.L. Recognition' for inspiring us to focus on caring for ourselves!



732 TOTAL Children have been in care since 1-1-2018,

580 Children in Foster Care, as of 7/16/18.

65 Douglas County CASA Volunteers are serving about 50% of the children.

Who do you know that you could invite & bring to our Monday @ 12 INFO Chats?

#JointheCASAMovement!



'Give Good' Award for Service

June: Betty Steinbach



CASA, Betty Steinbach, received the June Award! She has been with CASA since 11/10/14. She has served many vulnerable children in southern Douglas County, and has been instrumental in engaging local sewing groups to make pillowcases given by CASAs during the holidays to foster families.



July: Catharina Besseling, Andy Alberding & Tabbitha Layman

A CASA since 12/7/06, Catharina Besseling, was one of three Advocates who received the July award! She has served many, many children with her passionate advocacy on their behalf!

Thank you to Andy Alberding for his dedicated service since December of 2017. Andy was featured as our first 'CASA Super-Hero' in our advertisement in the News Review! See page 1 of this newsletter!

Tabbitha Layman received a July award for her exemplary service with CASA! We are fortunate to benefit from her determined efforts. Tabbitha is Assistant Manager of First Interstate Bank and is the mother of three. She and her family often volunteer on the weekend!

"Our mission is to provide children who have been abused or neglected, and are now in foster care, with qualified, compassionate advocates who will fight for and protect children's fundamental right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the safe embrace of a loving family".

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CASA INFO Chat!

Be a **Super-Hero** to a youth
in Foster Care!

Ask about the 'CASA Movement', & apply for
Fall 'Super-Hero Launch' Training!

Mondays,
12:15-1:00 pm,
Across from
Grocery Outlet!



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ZaP! Out
Child Abuse!

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