

## CASA of the Eighth Judicial District September 2021 Newsletter



This month we are honored to showcase KRISTIN CHANEY "To be able to dedicate the time it takes to not only raise her own family but care for the needs of those in the system currently, shows what it means to be a true volunteer." -Casa 8th JD Executive Director

"This is a new project that I started when I took this position" Jeramiah stated, "I feel that the volunteers need to know that we truly appreciate their efforts, and we would be nothing without them." Be on the lookout for updates on Kristin throughout the month of September.



### "A September to Remember!"

Here at CASA of the 8<sup>th</sup> JD change is a part of life. There was a personnel change, we are sad to see Angelina go, but are glad to welcome Jeramiah Wisdom into the role. Jeramiah is a father of two, a full-time firefighter in the area, and a former active duty Marine!

When asked about taking this position he said, "I am excited to help the community any way I can. As a victim of child abuse myself, I understand the struggles these children are facing. I hate to see these types of things happen and hope to make an impactful difference."

Well, I think we all hope that. Welcome aboard Jeramiah lets hope we can make this a September to Remember!

## New in the Amazon app

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1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
  2. Select the main menu & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
  3. Select "Casa of the 8th Judicial District, Inc." as your charity
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September is suicide awareness month take the time to familiarize yourself with warning signs. Please reach out if you are struggling. There are resources available and individuals reach to talk.  
<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/talk-to-someone-now/>



**HELP DO NOT  
WAIT, OR IT MAY  
BE TOO LATE.**



**Children who experience physical,  
sexual, and emotional abuse or neglect  
are at least two to three times more  
likely to attempt suicide in later life**

"Around one adult in every three has  
experienced abuse as a child."





### **EVERY CHILD HAS A CHANCE...IT'S YOU**

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is the voice for an abused, neglected, and/or trafficked child and helps keep the child safe while the child reaches a safe, permanent, and nurturing home. A CASA speaks up for the child in court and makes a difference at a critical point in a child's life.

### **WHAT DOES A CASA DO?**

A CASA gets to know the child and everyone involved in the child's life in order to advocate for the child's best interests while the child is in the court system.

### **COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES:**

- \*Need to be at least 21 years old
- \*Pass extensive background checks
- \*Participate in a training program
- \*Commit to at least one year of advocacy

### **BECOME A CASA TODAY**

Training starts this month!

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#### Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities

- Parenting in the COVID-19 Age: The Importance of Self-care with [Scott Poland, Ed.D.](#) and [Elizabeth Hilsman, Psy.D.](#)  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 | 6:30 P.M. ET.  
Register [HERE](#)

We Can Do Hard Things Part 1: Managing Difficult Feelings  
Tuesday October 12, 2021 | 6:30 P.M. ET  
Register [HERE](#)

Self-Care Isn't Selfish: What Research and Experience Say About Helping Others  
with Eric Thompson, Ph.D., [Isabel Thompson, Ph.D.](#), and Friends  
Friday October 29, 2021 | 12:00 P.M. ET



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Careers in Psychology and Counseling  
Friday, November 5, 2021 | 12:00 P.M. ET  
Register [HERE](#)

We Can Do Hard Things Part 2: Conversations with Kids  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 | 6:30 P.M. ET  
Register [HERE](#)

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