

CASA of the Eighth Judicial District



We want to welcome our new Outreach Coordinator, Angelina Brankley! We are super excited to have her join our team. Angelina has already done some amazing work and we look forward to continuing our work together.



We want to thank Marion Advancement campaign for generously donating \$250 dollars for recruitment efforts in Marion.

We want to thank Kristin and Debra for the Bid For CASA fundraiser they did with K-State University! They were able to raise over \$500 from their virtual silent auction.



We want to thank the First Baptist Church of Council Grove for their Chicken Noodle and Mashed Potato fundraiser donation of \$1,564.
We appreciate your generosity!



May is National Foster Care Month, a time to acknowledge foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections. During National Foster Care Month, we renew our commitment to ensuring a bright future for the more than 440,000 children and youth in foster care, and we celebrate those who make a meaningful difference in their lives.

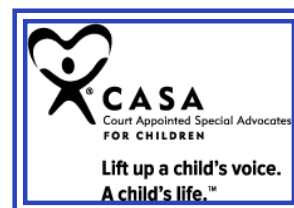
<http://https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/about/>

The "Best Interest" Principle

The CASA/GAL volunteer is guided by the "**best interest**" principle when advocating for a child.

This means that the volunteer **knows the child** well enough to **identify the child's needs**.

The volunteer makes **fact-based recommendations** to the court about **appropriate resources** to meet those needs and informs the court of **the child's wishes**, whether or not those wishes are, in the opinion of the CASA/GAL volunteer, in the child's best interest.





May 19th- June 16th

5:30p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday evenings only

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VOLUNTEER MATCH DAY

MAY 15TH, 2021

Have you ever wanted to be a part of something bigger than yourself? Come join us for Volunteer Match Day and choose an organization that suits you.

There will be opportunities, refreshments, and door prizes!

Come out and say hello!

Organized by United Way of Junction City/Geary County

Located at the Municipal Building Gym from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**NEW CASA VOLUNTEER
ADVOCATES WHO FINISHED
THEIR TRAINING!!!!!!**

Magilta and Staci are our newest CASA Volunteer

Since 1949, Mental Health America and our affiliates across the country have led the observance of May is Mental Health Month by reaching millions of people through the media, local events and screenings. We welcome other organizations to join us in spreading the word that mental health is something everyone should care about by using the May is Mental Health Month toolkit materials and conducting awareness activities.



CASA VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE OF THE QUARTER!!



We want to congratulate Kristin Chaney for being this quarter's Outstanding CASA Volunteer Advocate. Not only has she been with the program for 3 years, but we are so grateful for her work on the Bid For CASA event held in April. Her work speaks volume for advocating for the local children in need. She consistently brings her all and we truly appreciate that. Please join us in congratulating Kristin for her fantastic achievement!

Lisa Hatt appointed to serve on National CASA/GAL Leadership Council

Junction, Kansas—CASA of the 8th Judicial District announces the appointment of Lisa Hatt, Executive Director, to the Suburban Leadership Council of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association for Children

Serving a two-year term, Lisa Hatt, along with child welfare leaders from across the nation, will play an integral role in voicing the unique needs of 948 local programs that make up the CASA and Guardian ad Litem (GAL) network. In 2019, the CASA/GAL network, with its 96,929 volunteers, served

the network achieves its mission of serving all children through best-interest advocacy.

“The Leadership Councils are a vital part of our efforts to serve more children in the foster care system, while continually improving their outcomes,” said National CASA/GAL Chief Executive Officer Tara Lisa Perry. **“We are so excited and grateful to have Lisa Hatt providing her insight and expertise as we strive to move our mission forward on behalf of all children who have experienced abuse or neglect.”**

Lisa Hatt has been with CASA of the 8th Judicial District since 2015 and has been serving as Executive Director of the organization since July 2018.

“I am so honored to be appointed to this important national role,” said Lisa Hatt, Executive Director of CASA of the 8th Judicial District. **“I’m looking forward to bringing our successes and challenges of our jurisdiction and Kansas to a network that help us get better as we improve our work across the nation.”**



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