

CASA of Cochise County

News & Views



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Abby Dodge

CASAaz is finally here! It may seem like I have been saying that for months (because I have), but this time it is for real. Lissete and I traveled up to Phoenix on July 27th for training on the new **CASAaz** system. We will now be providing training to all of you. Training should take approximately 1.5 hours. This training is **MANDATORY**. Because it is mandatory, we will be offering the training on various days at various times. Once you receive the list of upcoming training sessions, please let me know as quickly as possible if you are unable to attend any of the scheduled sessions. I can add more sessions as needed.

I would like to keep the class sizes small to ensure that everyone gets adequate training

Coordinator's Comments

on the system. I also recognize that not everyone has the same comfort level when it comes to computers/the Internet. Because of that, I want to offer a couple sessions that will be limited to those who feel they are very tech savvy. I don't want anyone to become bored during the training.

After attending one session and you still feel you need more training, don't hesitate to let me know. I can provide additional training as necessary. Remember, it is a brand-new system for all of us, so there will be a transition period. Lissete and I will do our best to answer all questions that you guys have in a timely manner. Pay attention to your email for upcoming information about **CASAaz** training.

On another note, I wanted to address a question that I have been asked several times in the past:

What should one do as a CASA if an attorney requests that the CASA notify him/her before speaking with/visiting the client (parent or child)?

This is from CASA of Arizona:

Do Court Appointed Special Advocates let parents' attorneys know when they are visiting children or parents?

Advocates don't necessarily contact parents' attorneys prior to visiting parents or their assigned

child(ren). A child's or parent's attorney may request that the advocate contact them prior to visits, state that they do not want the advocate to have contact with their client, or state that they want to be present when contact occurs; however, it is not mandatory for the advocate to accommodate the attorney's request.

However...although it is not mandatory for an advocate to accommodate the attorney's request, remember to be respectful in handling this and all issues.

In addition, when dealing with your assigned children, if they have questions or concerns regarding the legal system or any other court-related matter, remember to refer them to their attorneys; don't try to handle that yourself. Even the question of whether the child should attend an upcoming hearing is something that should be answered by their attorney. If the child does not have an assigned attorney, then that needs to be addressed with the Court.

Finally, we are long overdue for a get-together. Please save the date for a BBQ on Friday, August 26th at lunchtime. More details will come!

As always, thank you for all that you do!

The AFFCF Funds Apartment Setup

By **Ned Letto**, Cochise County CASA Volunteer

In previous articles I have described some of the things that the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation can do for our foster children. When I wrote those articles, I had not actually gone through the process.

I have a young man who will be aging out of the system in mid-August and he is preparing to go out on his own. I have helped other young boys get set up in apartments. In those other cases, I have used funds from our own CASA Council. This time I decided to try using AFFCF funds.

I don't know when was the last time you set up housekeeping, but it's amazing how many little things you need and how the cost adds up.

The AFFCF will fund up to \$350 toward the cost of setting up an apartment. None of the money can be used for furniture. In order to apply, go to the website <http://www.affcf.org/general-awards/award-application/>. This will guide you through a process that has you register as a caregiver...yes, a caregiver even if you're a CASA Volunteer. You can submit a grant request directly online or by hard copy.

When you request a grant request, you will need to provide the name and email address of the DCS Case Manager, the case number, and other particulars.

In the case of the apartment setup, you also need to provide a detailed list of the items you intend to purchase along with the price of each item. The young man and I went to Walmart; I had a note pad and we went around the store selecting things he would want/need. This did include an air mattress and pump. This took less than a half hour. The total came up to \$330.54. At home, I converted my handwritten list to a Word document and uploaded it along with the application.

The AFFCF does not normally notify you of the status of your grant request; you need to follow up on the website: [https://affcf.knack.com/awards - caregiver-dashboard/](https://affcf.knack.com/awards-caregiver-dashboard/).

About a week and a half later, I was notified that they would cut a check for \$350. The check was mailed to me and made out to Walmart. I confirmed with Walmart that this would work and it does, **but**...Walmart will only give you cash for the unused balance in the amount of \$20 or less. And, yes, you do have to

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The AFFCF Funds Apartment Setup

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return the unused funds back to AFFCF along with the actual receipt.

Another point: they expect a Thank You letter along with the receipt. They even provide the stationary.

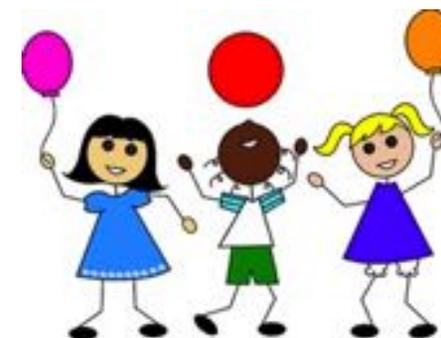
When we went to purchase the items on the list, it was now 2 weeks after we had shopped and some things had changed. Some items were no longer available and some pricing had changed. We did make substitutions. The final total came up to \$341.08. I updated my original list and sent the updated copy along with my check, receipt, and Thank You letter.

While what we purchased is far from all he needs to set up housekeeping, it is \$341 closer. The items are currently being stored at my home pending him turning 18 and finding a place to live.

I am available to assist anyone who would like to navigate through a AFFCF grant request. It's not about us; it's for the children.

You can contact Ned at nedletto@msn.com.

Kudos



Mary Blanchard, Cochise County CASA Volunteer
MEO, 7/14/2016, Post Severance Review Hearing

The Court thanked Ms. Spens, Ms. Blanchard, and placement.

Anniversaries

Manny Valenzuela
7/31/06 – 10 years

Deb Scott
8/11/15 – 1 year

Zanetta Boughan
8/14/02 – 14 years

Kathy Shaughnessy
8/17/15 – 1 year

First Job

By Mary C. Blanchard, Cochise County CASA Volunteer

One of my girls is now at the age where she can apply for her first job. Actually, she is almost 17, but it didn't work out last year when she got ready to apply. This time she is ready. We went to all the stores in the mall that were hiring: Target, Peter Piper, Kmart and several others. All-in-all, with a quick lunch, it took four hours. She went home to work on her online applications.

We made another quick trip several days later to pick up an application to Wendy's. She talked to the manager and told her that she had spoken to the previous manager, and he had asked her to apply but her circumstances changed and she wasn't able to get a job. She told the current manager that she loved working with food and loved working with people. All of this is so 100% true that she sold herself with her sincerity. The current manager told her they were not hiring currently but to fill out the application and come in the next morning at 9:00, and they would talk. Wendy's would not be open, but my girl was instructed to call the manager on her cell phone, and the manager would open the door and talk to her. We went to DCS and got copies of her birth certificate and copies of her social security number. Then I took her home and left her to fill out the application and decide what she was going to wear.

I came over the next morning and knocked on her door 30 minutes before the appointed hour. She was frantic. She was wearing a very nice dress, but she didn't have any interview shoes. I told her to bring out whatever might work. She brought out a pair of grey tennis shoes that were just perfect. She passed my inspection from head to foot.

We were ready to go. She checked her paperwork one more time and realized she couldn't find the birth certificate. There were three people in the house besides me. We all looked and finally the birth certificate surfaced.

My girl and I arrived at Wendy's ten minutes early. She waited five minutes while she rechecked her paperwork and asked for about the 10th time if she looked all right.

For the 10th time, I assured her she looked great. She walked up to the front door and called the manager. The door opened, and I waited for what seemed hours. It was actually half an hour. My girl came out. She was skipping and smiling. She got the job.

She told me all the details. She will be working 16 hours a week. Her schedule will be after school and on weekends. She and I high-fived. She is a good worker, and she really does love food. When she was living in a group home, she made macaroni and cheese for the whole house (seven people), and it was so successful, DCS asked for the recipe and posted it on their board.

Until recently, the girl wanted to be a chef. Today she wants to become a dental hygienist and take culinary courses while she is studying dental hygiene.

The future looks bright. Her first job is a score. My CASA kid is on the right track.

I am one happy CASA.

Cranky and Tired

By Mary C. Blanchard, Cochise County CASA Volunteer

I took one of my young ladies and her prospective adoptive brother and sister to the pool. We got there at 1:30 and closed the place down at 5:00. About 4:30, the six-year-old was exhausted. He took off his arm band and collapsed in a chair.

I sat down with him while the others were finishing up. I asked him if he could remember all the times he was very well behaved. He couldn't utter a peep, so I started him off. I asked him if he had reported to me when he wanted to change activities and go to the pool, the slide, or the bathroom. He told me he had always let me know. Then we listed what he did that showed he was well behaved. He had remembered to thank people who helped him, he had let a girl cut in line ahead of him, he had played nicely with a friend, he had thrown away his trash after his drink and snack, he had listened to the lifeguard, and he had followed the rules, etc. etc.

By this time, he was perking up. So we went through the list again. This time he could remember the good things and even added a few more. This got us to the car.

The car seat was too close to the seat belt fastener, and he couldn't fasten his seat belt. I waited and encouraged and the other two children reminded him that the car couldn't move unless all seat belts were fastened. Nothing happened, so I asked everyone to open their car doors as it was quite hot. The doors all opened, and since we all

knew the car was not going to go until he fastened his seat belt, we all just sat there. He finally moved his car seat and fastened the seat belt, and after all the doors were closed, we were on our way.

Little people are able to banish a cranky mood if they have something else to think about, and they thrive on appropriate rules. My kids are basically nice people, and they all know I mean business when it is time to shape up. Teaching middle school taught me how to take kids out in public. I let them know exactly what the rules are. If they are getting something to eat, I give them a budget. Today they had enough to get a drink and a treat.

If they don't follow the rules, they get a fifteen-minute time out. If we can't resolve the problem, we come home. We have never had to come home because we plan an activity they enjoy, and they know I mean what I say. They feel good when they get smiles from the people around them, and I feel good that I am taking such wonderful children to have fun.

These activities are funded by the CASA Council. I submit my receipts, tell the council what we have done and how wonderful it all was, and the CASA Council makes it possible for my children to have some the fun activities that make life special for a child.

Memories are priceless!!

Phone Calls, Emails and a Reunion

By Mary C. Blanchard, Cochise County CASA Volunteer

My oldest CASA kid is in her thirties. She is married and has a nine-year-old daughter. For over 10 years we have been connected by phone calls and emails. She and her family recently came to Arizona for a vacation. I met them in Tucson.

I was the birth coach for the daughter, and I am one of her godparents. I have a nice collection of pictures of her, and I have videos of her playing the violin. She also plays basketball, my favorite sport.

We had a reunion at their timeshare. Yes, the parents are both successful. I met them for dinner, and I was the only one who couldn't eat with chop sticks. No one teased me because the child praised me for trying. As we were eating dinner, I reflected on how hard my CASA kid has worked to get an education and work her way up in the government to become a GS-14.

I remember when my CASA kid was a young bride and discovered she was pregnant. She was overjoyed when she discovered she was about to be a mother. She played the video of her baby's sonogram every day. I saw it at least a dozen times. Because my girl had a tough childhood, she was determined to be a good mother. Over the years, we have experienced the ups and downs of infancy, the anguish of the first day at day care, and five years of involvement in school. We have been through all the stages of child development, and I can honestly say, my girl truly has become a wonderful mother.

The temperature the second day of our visit was 115. We decided to visit Biosphere 2. It is a fantastic place, and we took lots and lots of pictures. I drank 32 ounces of water. This water and my years of a daily exercise program kept me going and made it all fun. My girl and her daughter barely made it, but Dad braved the heat and fetched the car.

Actually it was more than fun. It was a fantastic experience. As a CASA, I work very hard to advocate for my kids and help them along the road to become fully functioning, productive, happy, caring adults. When I reconnected with my girl, who is now all grown up, I could see that she has broken the cycle of abuse and neglect. Her daughter is living a normal life. She is a happy child who has two parents who love her and put her first. This child will have her own mother to turn to when she needs advice about how to raise her children. And her mother, my CASA kid, will always be there for her. The next generation will not have the baggage of trauma and abuse to overcome.

It is awesome to be a CASA and see this happen!

*Volunteering is at the very core of being a human.
No one has made it through life without someone
else's help.*

~Heather French Henry

Sweaters!

By **Mary C. Blanchard**, Cochise County CASA Volunteer

One of my close friends knits and is interested in volunteering to knit sweaters for CASA kids. Abby suggested that CASAs email me with their requests at:

mcblanchard75@gmail.com

Necessary information:

Age

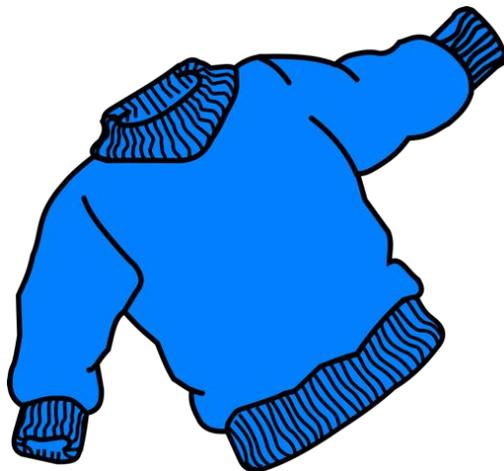
Sex

Size

Color

She knits constantly and was inspired to do this for children.

Please let me know.



CCCC, Inc

Cochise County Council for CASA, Inc

is a nonprofit organization that raises funds to the unmet needs of abused neglected and abandoned children in the CASA of Cochise County Program. The primary focus is to ensure the educational progress of CASA children through tutoring and scholarships. In addition the council provides clothing, toys and personal items.

If your CASA child/youth has an unmet need, consider the Cochise County Council for CASA to help!!

Call your CASA Coordinator at 432-7521 OR

Send an email to Adodge@courts.az.gov



Thursday Morning Support Group Meeting

By **Mary C. Blanchard**, Cochise County CASA Volunteer

Our support group meeting covered a variety of topics.

Several of our members have CASA kids who are being adopted. These stories are always inspiring. Since life is sometimes messy, a child may regress during the adjustment period if there are blips, such as painful dental treatments or other issues. No one enjoys a painful dental visit, and any child can react temporarily.

Other cases are hot potatoes. One of our support group members is gearing up to advocate that her children's parents should lose their children. Parents who have failed miserably in providing a safe, loving, stable environment can fight to the last moment of a court appeal to continue the cycle of abuse and neglect.

One CASA reported that now that his boy has a job, has a stake in his future and has finally given up his plan to remain homeless. He has decided to keep the apartment he just rented and move forward with his life.

We discussed the July 10th article in The Arizona Daily Star that indicated that parents weren't getting the support from DCS that they needed to get their children back. It is indeed true that sometimes parents don't get services because they don't participate in the services ordered in the case plan. They have to be willing to engage in services to benefit from them. I can't remember a single case in my almost 16 years as a CASA where a parent was denied the services that were required by the case plan. I have seen countless instances where the parents refused to participate, and I have documented cases where the service providers were lax in providing the services that were a requirement to complete the case plan.

DCS has too many cases and too little funding and sometimes they

don't respond as quickly as we would like, but I want the support they give my children, and I have found many times that if I offer to help, I can get what I want done. There is nothing wrong with being an active advocate.

From Mary Kay Holcomb:

I am thankful for the Support Group as I have a place to talk about my feelings, etc. with the group and know that they understand. The suggestions they offer are a big help. I like this quote:

"If you had a good enough parent, you are most fortunate because you had a real parent."

Dr. Donald Winnicott



Second Thursday of the Month

10:00am-12:00 noon

Home of Lynn Vanderdasson
5776 E. Perry Lane
Hereford, AZ 85615

Evening Support Group

**Last Tuesday of the
Month, 7:00-9:00pm
Home of LuRue Troyer
2300 Iris Drive
Sierra Vista**

CASA of the Month!

Sharon Buono

July 2016

I want to announce the CASA of the Month for July 2016 – Sharon Buono! Sharon Buono has only been assigned to her first case for about 5 months now. However, she has really gotten involved with her family in this short time. She has been there for her children for several milestones, such as Little League games, baptism into the Mormon Church, and an 8th grade graduation. Sharon has also successfully applied for several grants from the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation to make sure her kiddos have everything that they need while they remain in out-of-home placement. Sharon even manages to do all of this while still working full-time for the City of Bisbee. She is also gracious enough to provide us with information for upcoming events here in Bisbee – I wouldn't have known about the free movies in the park in Bisbee had it not been for Sharon!

If you haven't met Sharon, she normally attends the CASA support group that meets in the evenings at LuRue's house (the last Tuesday of the month). That would be a great place to meet her!

Thanks, Sharon, for all your hard work!



5 Life Lessons

Submitted by Anonymous. Found on the Internet

attributed to:



1 - First Important Lesson - Cleaning Lady.

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one:

"What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'."

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

2. - Second Important Lesson - Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 PM, an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young

white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab.

She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached.

It read:

Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nat King Cole

3 - Third Important Lesson - Always remember those who serve.

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked.

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it.

"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired.

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5 Life Lessons (Continued)

By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient.

"Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied.

The little boy again counted his coins.

"I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies..

You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

4 - Fourth Important Lesson - The obstacle in Our Path.

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note

from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

5 - Fifth Important Lesson - Giving When it Counts...

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare & serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheek. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded.

He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away".

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

Arizona Advocates Sharing What “Normal” means in Foster Care

By *Allison Hurtado*, CASA Marketing & Community Outreach Specialist, AZ Supreme Court

It's not easy to feel “normal” in foster care but a new law is making it possible and Fostering Advocates Arizona is helping to spread the news.

Milestones like getting a job, going to school dances, going to sleepovers and using the Internet are important for the development of youth. That's why a Federal law called the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (SFA) was passed in September of 2014. It gives foster parents and caregivers guidelines and more freedom to say “yes” to kids in care having age-appropriate experiences.

To implement this law Arizona has included a Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Standard in their Policy and Procedure Manual. It states:

“The Department supports out-of-home caregivers to use normalcy standards and, specifically, apply a Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS) to determine whether to allow a child to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.

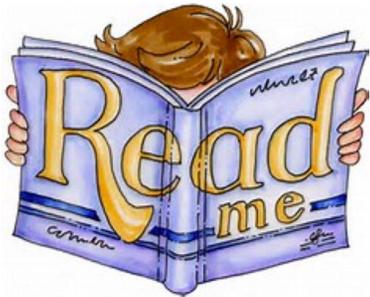
“The RPPS is defined as the careful and sensible decisions that maintain a child's health, safety, and best interests while at the same time encouraging the child's emotional and developmental growth, which an out-of-home caregiver shall use when determining whether to allow a child in the Department's care and custody to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.”

Allowing caregivers to practice the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard allows youth the chance to practice healthy decision-making, explore their interests and build and maintain healthy relationships.

The law does not automatically grant kids in care the right to get a driver's license or get a cell phone but it allows youth to open up the discussion with their caregivers. Individuals will still have to work out how a teen in care might pay for a cell phone or if they might be able to use the caregiver's car if they were to get a license. Youth who feel like their desire to participate in everyday activities is not being listened to or is unjustly denied can file a complaint with the Arizona Department of Child Safety Family Advocacy Office at 1-877-527-0765 or 602-364-0777.

The advocacy group Fostering Advocates Arizona (run by youth who've been in foster care) has created a page on their website to explain normalcy in foster care. For all the details and some tips to help define what “normal” is for a young person you may know, visit <http://www.fosteringadvocatesarizona.org/normalcyinfostercare/>.

AUGUST 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day	3	4	5	6 Wiggle Your Toes Day
7 Friendship Day	8	9 Book Lover's Day	10 Lazy Day	11 Lin: Court report due for BA Patti: Court report due for IH	12	13
14	15 Relaxation Day	16	17	18 Melissa A. 	19	20 National Radio Day
21	22	23	24	25 Krista O. 	26 CASA BBQ! More info coming soon!	27
28	29	30 Toasted Marshmallow Day	31			

**A**

- AA – Alcoholics Anonymous
- AAC – Arizona Administrative Code
- AAG – Assistant Attorney General
- ACJS – Arizona Criminal Justice System
- ACJA – Arizona Code of Judicial Administration
- ACYF – Administration for Children, Youth, and Families
- ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
- ADC – Arizona Department of Corrections
- ADD – Attention Deficit Disorder
- ADE – Arizona Department of Education
- ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- ADHS – Arizona Department of Health Services
- ADJ – Dependency adjudication hearing
- ADJC – Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections
- ADL – Activities of daily living
- AFFCF – Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation
- AG – Attorney General
- AHCCCS – Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
- AKA – Alias or also known as

Acronyms

- ALTCS – Arizona Long Term Care System
- A/N – Abuse/Neglect
- APO – Adult probation officer
- APPLA – Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement
- AOC – Administrative Office of the Courts
- APS – Adult Protective Services
- ARS – Arizona Revised Statutes
- ASFA – Adoption and Safe Families Act
- ASH – Arizona State Hospital
- AWA – Adam Walsh Act
- AzEIP – Arizona Early Intervention Program

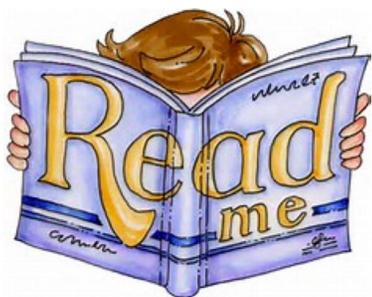
B

- BHS – Behavioral Health Services
- BIA – Bureau of Indian Affairs
- BP – Biological Parent
- BX - Behavior

C

- CAP – Corrective Action Plan

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Acronyms (Continued)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate

CBT – Cognitive Behavioral Treatment

CCR&R – Child Care Resource and Referral

CFT – Child and Family Team (meeting)

CHILDS – Children’s Information Library and Data Source

CIT – Crisis Intervention Team

CM – Case manager

CMDP – Comprehensive Medical and Dental Plan

COT – Court ordered treatment

CPC – Change in Physical Custody

CRS – Children’s Rehabilitative Services

CSRA – Child Safety and Risk Assessment

CSP – Child Safety Plan

CT – Court

CW – Caseworker

D

DCATS – Dependent Children Automated Tracking System

DCS – Department of Child Safety

DCSS – DCS Specialist

DCSUS – DCS Unit Supervisor

DDD – Division of Developmental Disabilities

DES – Department of Economic Security

DOC – Department of Corrections

DOE – Department of Education

DPS – Department of Public Safety

DUI/DWI – Driving under the influence/Driving while intoxicated

DV – Domestic Violence

E

EIP – Early Intervention Program

EPSDT – Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

ESY – Extended school year

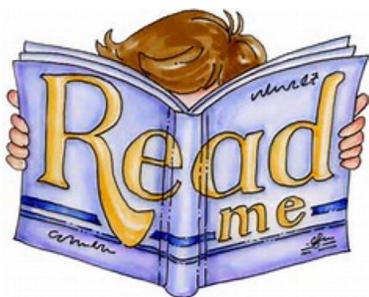
F

FAA – Family Assistance Administration

FAC – Family Advocacy Center

FAE – Fetal Alcohol Effects

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Acronyms (Continued)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

F FAPE – Free appropriate public education

FAS – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

FC – Foster Child(ren)

FCP – Family Centered Practice

FCRB – Foster Care Review Board

FERPA – Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

FTT – Failure to thrive

G

GAL – Guardian ad Litem

GED – General Education Diploma

H

HCTC – Home Care Training to Home Care Clients
(Therapeutic foster care)

HFAz – Healthy Families Arizona

HHS – U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act

HV – Home visit

HX – History

I

ICPC – Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

ICWA – Indian Child Welfare Act

IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEP – Individualized education plan/program

IFSP – Individualized family service plan

IL – Independent living

ILS – Independent living skills

ISP – Individual Service Plan (Behavioral Health)

ISP – Individual Support Plan (Division of Developmental Disabilities)

ITP – Individual Transition Plan

J

JAA – Judicial administrative assistant

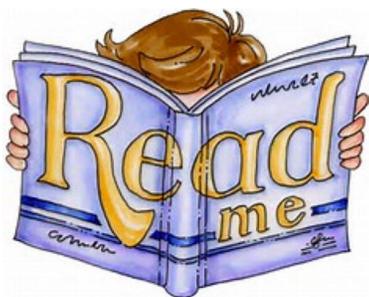
JD# - Juvenile dependency number

JIPS – Juvenile intensive probation supervision

JOLTS – Juvenile On-Line Tracking System

JPO – Juvenile probation officer

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Acronyms (Continued)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

L

LCSW – Licensed Clinical Social Worker
 LD – Learning Disability
 LOC – Level of Care
 LOS – Lack of Supervision
 LRE – Least restrictive environment
 LTC – Long Term Care

M

MAP – Minimally adequate parenting (aka minimum sufficient level of care)
 MDT – Multi-disciplinary team
 MGM – Maternal Grandmother
 MSW – Master's of Social Work

N

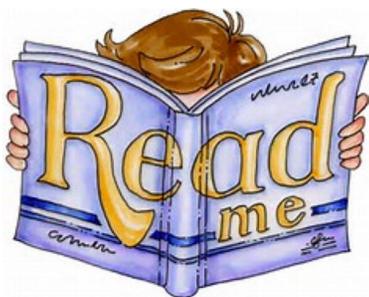
NA – Narcotics Anonymous
 NCP – Non-custodial Parent
 NICU – Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

O

OCD – Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
 OOH – Out of Home
 OT – Occupational therapy

P

PA – Parent aide
 PCP – Primary care physician
 PGF – Paternal Grandfather
 PHC – Pre-hearing conference
 PICU – Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
 PPC – Preliminary protective conference
 PPH – Preliminary protective hearing
 PS-MAPP – Partnering for Safety and Permanence: Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting
 PT – Physical therapy
 PTC – Pre-trial conference
 PTSD – Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
 PWR – Placed with Relative



Acronyms (Continued)

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R

- R&R – Report and review hearing
- RAD – Reactive Attachment Disorder
- RBHA- Regional Behavioral Health Authority
- RRT – Rapid Response Team
- RTC – Residential Treatment Center
- RTC – Review of temporary custody

S

- SA – Substance Abuse
- SBS – Shaken Baby Syndrome
- SED - Severe Emotional Disturbance
- SEN – Substance-exposed newborn
- SIDS – Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- SRO – School Resource Officer
- SSDI – Social Security Disability Income
- SSI – Supplemental Social Security Income
- SW – Social worker

T

- TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- TASC – Treatment Assessment Screening Center
- TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury
- TCN – Temporary custody notice
- TDM – Team decision making (meeting)
- TPR – Termination of parental rights
- TX - Treatment

U

- UA – Urinalysis

W

- WIC – Women, Infants, and Children Program

Y

- YAP – Young Adult Program

What's keeping one CASA busy this summer?
Deb Scott is on Grammy duty in Phoenix.



Meet baby Nolan Allen



Bud & Jan Dragoo to Alaska!

We just returned from a 13-day trip to Alaska and thought we would share a couple of the over 300 pictures we took. We saw wildlife: Bears, Eagles, Whales, Mountain Goats, Sea Lions, and Seals. We flew in a plane over Glacier Bay National Park. We took several ferries and planes to get to different cities: Juneau, Skagway, Haines, Sitka, and Petersburg. The weather was, according to the locals, 10 of the best days they have all year; clear skies and 70 degrees.



At the ferry landing in Haines, AK



Jan shows off our accommodations on a ferry



By the plane in Alaska



View from Plane in Alaska