

**CASA of the 8th Judicial District**



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

**CHANGES ARE COMING!**



We often hear that the only constant thing is, change.

This is true for CASA of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District as well.

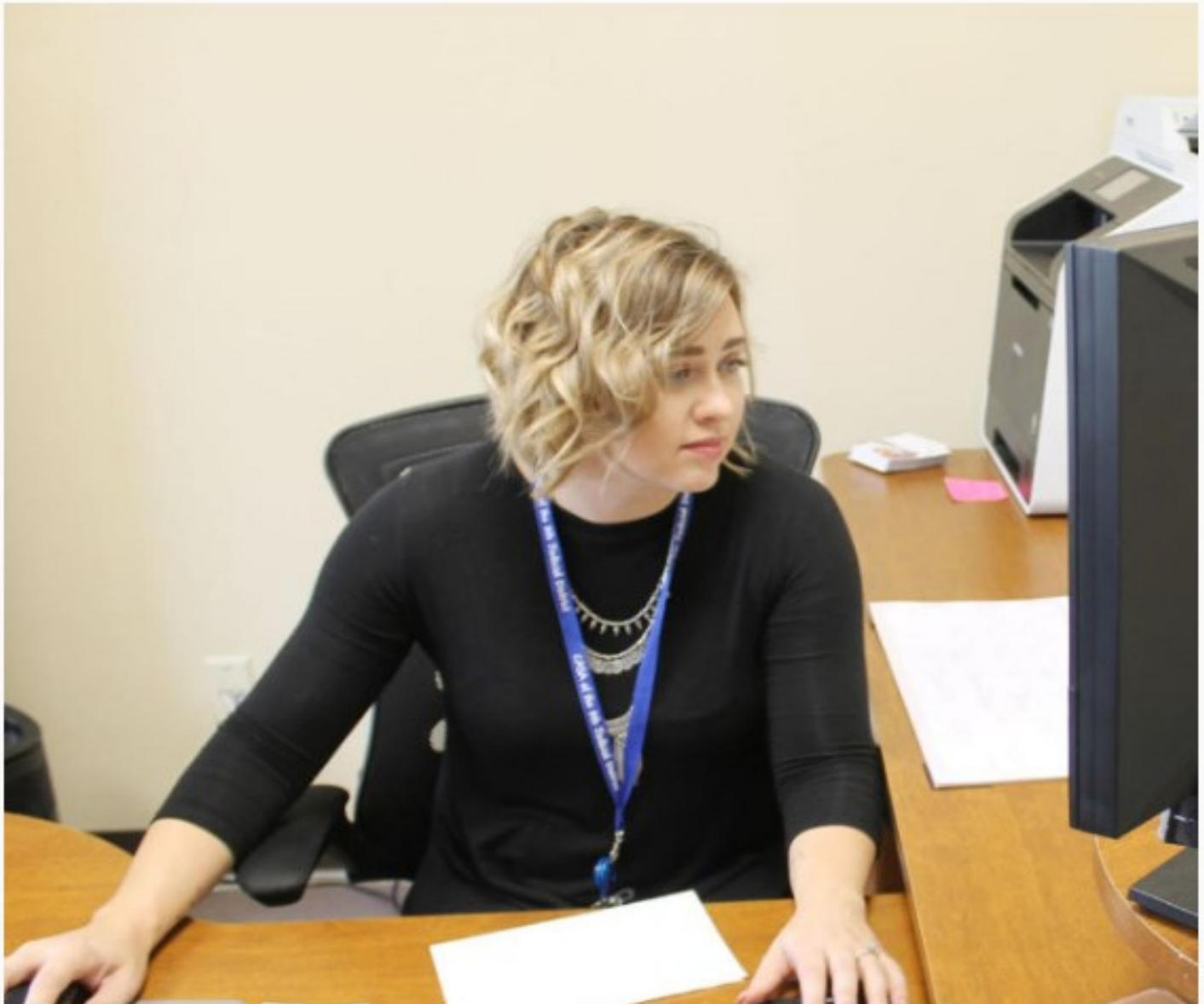
Beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, we will be using a brand new Volunteer Advocate training curriculum from National CASA. This new curriculum will be more interactive and video based than the previous National CASA curriculum. Two of our staff members will be attending a new training certification class in October so that our program will be ready. We will begin using the new curriculum at our Winter 2019 Volunteer Advocate training in January.

## CASA ROCKS

At the statewide meeting for CASA Directors in Kansas, the Directors from across the state creatively decorated rocks. Our Executive Director, Lisa Hatt, brought back five rocks. Each staff member has taken and hidden at least one rock in each of our counties of Dickinson, Geary, Marion, and Morris. We invite you to look for these rocks in your community. If you find one, we ask you to take a picture of yourself with the rock and post it or share it to our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/casa8thjids](http://www.facebook.com/casa8thjids)). We look forward to your pictures!

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## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT US!



Our Volunteer Coordinator was recently interviewed by the Daily Union. CASA of the 8th Judicial District is dedicated to getting the word out about the important role our local citizens have when they become a CASA Volunteer. We want more volunteers in an effort to ensure all children that need a CASA in our communities will indeed have one the minute they are assigned to us.





## GETTING A MAKEOVER

We have realized that our old banners have not exactly informed the public about what it is that we do at CASA of the 8th Judicial District. We hope that by making a simple change to our presence in events in our local communities will help bring more volunteer leads our way!

## CASA VOLUNTEERS TOUR FLINT HILLS JOB CORP CENTER



Dickinson County Court Appointed Special Advocates enjoyed their tour of the Flint Hills Job Corps Center on September 6 in Manhattan. CASA volunteers were impressed with how much the Flint Hills Job Corps has to offer those CASA children who need to finish their high school education and would like to receive additional occupation training for free.

CASA volunteers got an in-depth tour of the center. Students getting trained in the security field welcomed and escorted the CASA volunteers during the tour. CASA volunteers were able to see the areas where students receive hands-on training in facilities maintenance, carpentry, plumbing, cement masonry, and construction. Some students were seen studying to finish their high school diplomas or doing preliminary work for health care occupations. The CASA volunteers were also able to see the gym, weight room, and some areas of the dorms. The students at the center were eager to share their experiences at the center and talked about how much they liked their teachers.

Thank you, Flint Hills Job Corps Center, for this awesome tour!

### Foster Care Aging-Out Statistics

- 52% Will be employed at age 21 (1.5x lower than their peers)
- 24% Will have no high school or diploma (3x more likely than peers)
- 23% Will become a teen parent (2.5x higher than peers)
- 3% Will get a two or four-year college degree (10x less likely than their peers)
- 42% Will be convicted of a crime (7x more likely than peers)
- 29% Will be unable to pay rent (4x more than peers)

Source: The Darol Rodrock Foundation citing Fostering Success in Education:  
National Fact Sheet on Educational Outcomes of Children in Foster Care,  
January 2014



### LADIES NIGHT OUT

CASA participated in Ladies Night Out in Council Grove. Several people stopped by the office to enjoy some homemade cookies and lemonade, several brochures were sent out with more information about the important work of CASA Volunteers.



## EVENING ON THE RIVERWALK



In August, CASA participated in Evening on the Riverwalk in Council Grove! It was a terrific event on the river, many new faces stopped by to get more information about CASA.

CASA also had several people stop by to simply say thank you for all that we do for the children. We simply cannot do what we do without our volunteers. We have the ability to serve so many more children when more citizens come forward to volunteer their time.

## AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

CASA of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is having separate fundraising events in Dickinson County, Geary County, and Marion County in 2019. These events will include a live auction and help raise funds to allow CASA

Volunteers to continue to advocate for abused and neglected children in the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

Any items donated will be greatly appreciated. Examples of possible auction items could include gift certificates, art work, sports memorabilia, travel, music, tickets, lessons, digital items, services, lawn/garden items, quilts, household items, gift baskets, etc. If you or your business would like to donate auction items for these events, please contact CASA of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District at 785-762-3907. Thank you in advance for contributing to this great cause!

### Upcoming Events:

September 22-JC Blues & BBQ in Junction City

September 22-Apple Days at Fort Riley

October 31st- Halloween parade in Marion

November 3rd-Candlelight Charm in Council Grove

Please stop by to say hello and help spread the word!