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Everyday Heroes

Many Children travel through the foster care system feeling scared and alone, with no one whose only job is to help them get the support they need and to fight for their rights, both in court and in the foster care system. Some children, however get lucky. They are represented by a court appointed special advocate (CASA), volunteers who help children who cannot help themselves.

“To give a child a CASA is to give them a voice. To give them a voice is to give them hope, an to give them hope is to give them the world. I believe that with all my heart.”

~Pamela Butler~

CASA volunteers play such an important roll in the lives of the children they serve. They have the opportunity to make a lifelong difference for an abused and neglected child.

We currently have 11 children in our community waiting for someone to be their voice. We would be honored to share with your group or organization about our mission and assist those interested in becoming a CASA volunteer. Please contact me at: cstein@childadv.net or (225)647-2005

Quote from: “Someone There for Me” Everyday Heroes
Through the Eyes of Teens in Foster Care

CAC Cares

"Cyberbullying" is when a child, preteen or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child, preteen or teen using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies or mobile phones. It has to have a minor on both sides, or at least have been instigated by a minor against another minor. Once adults become involved, it is plain and simple cyber-harassment or cyberstalking. Adult cyber-harassment or cyberstalking is NEVER called cyberbullying.

- * *Don't give out private information such as passwords, pins, name, address, phone number, school name, or family and friends' names. This information can be used by bullies and other harmful people on the internet. Don't even reveal your password to your friends. They might reveal it or use it against you in a fight.*
- * *Don't exchange pictures or give out e-mail addresses to people you meet on the internet. Ask permission from parents when it is necessary to give such information.*
- * *Don't send a message when you are angry- it's hard to undo things that are said in anger.*
- * *Delete messages from people you don't know, or those from people who seem angry or mean.*
- * *When something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. Get out of the site, chat, etc.*
- * *Realize that online conversations are not private. Others can copy, print, and share what you say or any pictures you send. Be careful!*

*For more information visit:
stopcyberbullying.org



CAS Presents "Darkness to Light"

Darkness to Light® Stewards of Children is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child abuse. The program believes and teaches that child safety is an adult's job. Stewards of Children is designed for organizations that serve children and youth. It is the only child abuse prevention training that offers a certification, resource materials, and practical steps to preventing abuse.

Child Advocacy Services has received funding to facilitate the training in this region. This training will be provided free of charge and useful to anyone who provides services to children and youth such as faith centers, schools, community based youth programs, and sports/recreation programs. Please contact the Luling office if you would like to schedule a training at (985) 785-5226.

Additional information about Darkness to Light may be found at www.darkness2light.org

JANUARY, 2010

What's going on.....

St. John

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St. Charles

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In-Service Opportunities

Please join us for our January In-service for our CASA volunteers. It will be held at Options for Independence in LaPlace. Thursday, Jan. 21st at 6:30pm.

We will be screening a movie, and deciding on a book to read from our book list.



Happy Birthday to You!

Jordana Matherne- Jan. 2
 Elcie Jones- Jan. 9th
 Henri Rowe- Jan. 14
 Meagan Fast-Jan. 20

Spread the News

Upcoming CASA Training

January 25, 26, & 30th &
 February 1, 2, 6, 8, & 9th
 Training will be held at our Luling office

Powerful Voices for Children

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