

CASA CORNER

CASA of the Southern Tier's Quarterly Newsletter



School Transition

The new school year is upon us in the Southern Tier.
Here are some tips to ease transition for kids.

- Talk to your child about how they are feeling and try to ease their fears.
- Take them “back to school shopping” for clothes and supplies to help them feel confident.
- Reassure them that you will be there for them good and bad.
- Encourage them and help them set academic goals for the upcoming year.
- Call the school before hand and ask to take a tour with them .

every child
IS ONE CARING
ADULT AWAY FROM BEING A
SUCCESS STORY.

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Ask a CASA

The CASA team asked advocates:

What would you say are the benefits of a child being assigned a CASA by the courts?

-Tina Webber

I believe one of the greatest benefits of a child being assigned a CASA is that they gain an advocate who is solely focused on their best interests—someone who isn't part of a larger system or caseload, and who is there with the sole purpose of investing time, energy, and consistency into THEIR life. A child's CASA can help bridge communication between parties involved in different aspects of their lives. Through it all we help to ensure the child's voice doesn't get lost and to offer a more holistic view to the courtroom—one that centers on the children, not just the case.

It's important to remember that CASAs often become the one person who stays the same for children across multiple placements, hearings, and/or staff changes. This consistency allows us to better build trust with the children we serve, and to try to truly understand their needs and wishes. We are then equipped to provide the court with detailed, firsthand insight. Our input then can, and often does, influence a family court judge's decisions around services, visitation, and permanency.

-Paula Stark

CASA ensures the child's BEST INTEREST is the focus to ensuring the child's likes, dislikes, needs and wants are addressed in his/her educational setting and home placements while ensuring medical oversight based upon his/her age and medical diagnoses. Being assigned a CASA ensures one consistent person is aware of the child's educational and home placements and medical concerns throughout the duration of his/her foster care experience.



Save The Date

INFO SESSIONS:
SEPTEMBER 10TH 10AM

CLASS START DATES:
SEPTEMBER 30TH - PM
OCTOBER 2ND - AM

UPCOMING EVENTS:
LITTLE ELF SHOP
DECEMBER 6, 2025

NEXT NEWSLETTER:
FALL 2025



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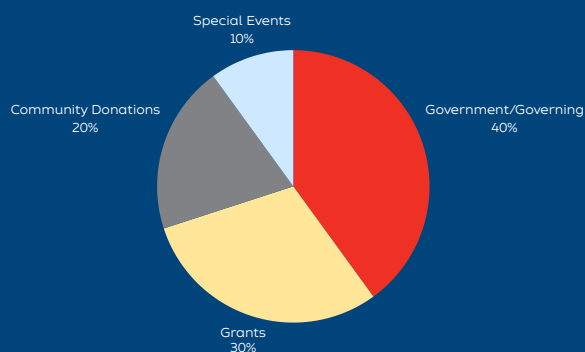


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 Because a child can
 never have too many
 people to love them"
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