



February 2026 Newsletter

CHINS Court Dates:

Superior Court 2, Wednesday,

February 11th, 9a

Circuit Court 1, February 12th, 1p in
Superior 2

Warrick County CASA Stats

Total number of active advocates: 55

Total number of children on waitlist for
a CASA: 43

Number of youth added to program in
January 2026: 16

Total added in Jan 2025: 3

Total number of youth in program Jan
2026: 161

Total number in Jan 2025: 154

Number of children served where case
closed in Jan 2026: 11

Total number of contact logs in Jan
2026: 846

Total number in Jan 2025: 599

Total contact hours logged in Jan
2026: 300

Total contact hours in Jan 2025: 277

WarrickCASA.org – Access to the “Volunteer Log-
in” can be found at the top of the page. Password:
CASA897!

RVSP for events, brush up with continued educa-
tion resources, access to forms, and more!

Upcoming Events:

February 16–President’s Day Office closed!

February 26, 5:30p Pizza & Cases at CASA
office. Remember advocates can RSVP
through CASA website.

Dine to Donate! Monday, February
16, 4p–9p, Jason’s Deli 943 N. Green
River Rd

Info Session February 26, 12p–Tell
your friends!

Recommended Reading

**Managing Aggressive Behavior in Adoles-
cents With Autism Spectrum Disorder:
Pharmacological and Non-
Pharmacological Approaches**

**Authors: Christopher Ade Putra Purba,
Nining Febriyana, and Yunias Setiawati**

This article discusses Autism Spectrum Dis-
order (ASD), challenges faced, and potential
symptom management options. With the in-
tent to “...inform clinicians, educators, and
caregivers of practical strategies and evi-
dence-based interventions to address ag-
gression in this population.”

With more prevalence in diagnosis, this arti-
cle provides a crash course in ASD and ag-
gressive emotional dysregulation in adoles-
cents, as well as a beginner’s knowledge of
various therapeutic treatments like Applied
Behavior Analysis (ABA) and it’s various
techniques, and available pharmacological
treatments options.

Free to read link: [https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/
articles/PMC11456650/pdf/jkacap-35-4-223.pdf](https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11456650/pdf/jkacap-35-4-223.pdf)

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and Adolescent Psychiatry in 2024.

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On February 2, Warrick County CASA hosted the 2026 annual kickoff party! This year's theme was Winter Wonderland. Complete with a hot chocolate bar, dinner from American Legion Kapperman Post #44, and decorated with snowflakes made by the hands of Warrick County students from Boonville High School and Castle National Honor Society. This was an opportunity to go over annual housekeeping items, cover Optima refreshers, catch up with fellow advocates, and recognize the commitment to Warrick County youth.

"Be proud of yourself," was the message from CASA Co-President Erin P. Giving words of gratitude and reminding everyone that for the children in the program, advocates are some of the few people bringing them kindness and joy during what is a chaotic time in their young lives.

CASA Director, Nicole T., informed the group in 2025 we had a total of 2,400 contact logs and served 315 children! Giving all volunteers a big thank you. She also elaborated on where the program is moving concerning donations. In the spirit of getting back to the core mission, advocating for our children during court proceedings and collaboration with community resources, we will work to build stronger ties in the community by partnering with local businesses and organizations not only to support our community, but to have access to services that will benefit CASA children and families. Ramping up school supplies and securing services that help our youth prepare to go back to school, such as haircuts before the 2026-2027 school year begins. As well as other necessary services to help cases close leaving reunified families on the best course moving forward.

Nicole also spoke about the volunteer portion of the CASA website. Highlighting available resources, direct link to Optima website, and RSVP section complete with a list of upcoming events. To access this, please use the information at the bottom left corner of page 1 in this newsletter.

The evening concluded with several advocates being recognized for their dedication in 2025.

DCS's Nomination Winners:

Terra N., Greg T., & Alicia N.

Most Volunteer Hours:

Sarah G.

Rookie of the Year:

Mandi T.

Above & Beyond:

Rachel B., & Steve R. (not pictured)

Advocate of the Year:

Tracy T.



****If you were unable to attend, your certificate is at the CASA Office! Come see us**

Congratulations February contact log

winner Leigh B!

Thank you to everyone for getting your contact logs in :)

Attention: Alicia N., Billie P., Kelsey V., Amy W., Tracy G., Sarah G., Sarah D.

A child on your case has a birthday in February. Contact your volunteer coordinator if you have questions about reimbursement.

Wishing a very happy birthday to these CASA Volunteers! Emily E. 2/8, Heather S. 2/19, Crystal S. 2/22

CASA Anniversaries: Sarah R. 8 years! Rachel B. 3 years! Thank you for your years of dedication our families.