

The Forsyth Voice

The official newsletter of Forsyth County's Court Appointed Special Advocates

June 2025

Updated Newsletter Features!

Check out some of the new sections of our newsletter!

- Ask an Advocacy Specialist (page 2)
- "What Would You Do?" (page 3)



Curious about how trauma impacts attachment? Read more on Page 2.

May Month in Review



198
advocacy
hours



19
hearings
attended



1736
miles
driven

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, July 11th**
Lunch with the Judges
Juvenile Courthouse | 12PM-1PM
- **Friday, July 18th**
Back to School Bash
Beaver Toyota | 11:30AM-1:30PM
- **Tuesday, July 29th**
June/July Book Club Meeting
SliceAbility | 5:30PM

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

**Remember to
register for the Back
to School Bash!
Registration closes
June 15th!**

Features

Secure Attachment and PTSD



A recent meta-analysis published in *Development and Psychopathology* examined 30 studies involving over 10,000 children and adolescents who had experienced various traumatic events, including abuse. The findings revealed that children with secure attachment to their caregivers exhibited significantly fewer posttraumatic stress symptoms (PTSS) compared to those with insecure attachment styles. Insecure attachment—encompassing anxious, avoidant, and disorganized styles—was linked to higher levels of PTSS, suggesting that the quality of early caregiver relationships plays a crucial role in children's resilience to trauma.

These results highlight how important secure attachments are in helping protect children from developing PTSD symptoms after trauma. For CASAs, this reinforces the value of being a consistent, reliable presence in a child's life. By building trust and showing up with care and stability, CASAs help create the emotional safety children need to begin healing and growing stronger, even after difficult experiences.

Click to read the full article [here](#)

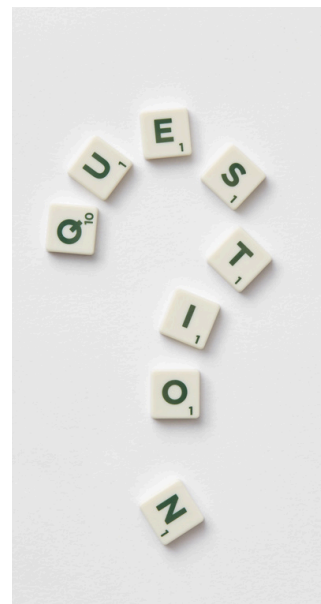
New: Ask an Advocacy Specialist

Have a question about your CASA case, the court process, working with DFCS, or anything else related to your role? We've got you covered!

We're launching a new section of the newsletter where one of our Advocacy Specialists will answer one or two of your questions each month.

Whether it's something you've always wondered or a situation you're navigating now, chances are someone else is wondering the same thing. Let's learn from each other!


Send your questions to be featured in next month's newsletter [HERE!](#)



Highlights

June is National Family Reunification Month

Each June, we honor the incredible efforts made to safely reunify children with their families. At CASA, we recognize that reunification is often the goal of child welfare when it is safe and appropriate, and we celebrate the families, professionals, and advocates who make this possible.

 **Listen In:** Check out *Episode 64 of Child Welfare Information Gateway's Podcast* [HERE](#) for a powerful conversation on the importance of family reunification and how communities can support families on their journey. *Also available on Spotify.*



What Would You Do? – Real-Life Advocacy Scenarios

Every CASA case is unique, and even the most experienced advocates come across moments that make them pause and think: *What now?* This new segment is designed to help you reflect on those complex situations, strengthen your decision-making skills, and spark thoughtful discussion.

Each month, we'll share a real-world-inspired scenario and ask: ***What would you do?*** There's no one-size-fits-all answer—but there are best practices and thoughtful approaches.

"I Want to Go Home"

Your CASA child has been in a stable placement for six months. They're doing well in school and getting along with their foster family. But during a visit, they quietly say, "I just want to go back to my mom's. Can you make that happen?"

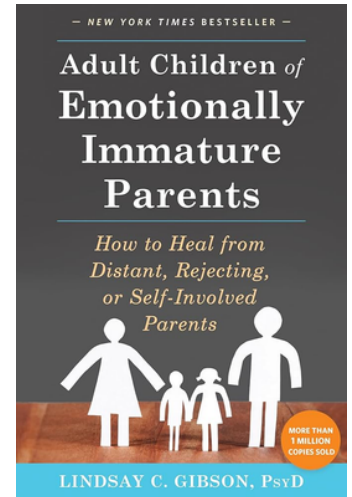
 ***Look to next month's newsletter to see what the most effective course of action might be!***

Volunteer Corner

Birthdays & Anniversaries

-  **June 4th** - Lori Gillman & Bert Boudet (**7 Years**)
-  **June 7th** - Sandy Hughes
-  **June 11th** - Cathy Carlton
-  **June 17th** - Kelly Weeks
-  **June 23rd** - Elli Reidinger & Kim Strauss (**3 Years**)
-  **June 25th** - Christina Daniels & Priya Narasimhan
-  **June 26th** - Dana Gunsallus

CASA Book Club June/July



Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents: How to Heal from Distant, Rejecting, or Self-Involved Parents
by Lindsay C. Gibson

In this breakthrough book, clinical psychologist Lindsay Gibson exposes the destructive nature of parents who are emotionally immature or unavailable. You will see how these parents create a sense of neglect, and discover ways to heal from the pain and confusion caused by your childhood. By freeing yourself from your parents' emotional immaturity, you can recover your true nature, control how you react to them, and avoid disappointment. Finally, you'll learn how to create positive, new relationships so you can build a better life.

***We'll be meeting at SliceAbility
on July 29th at 5:30PM!***

Let us know if you'll be there! - email
daniellesmithcasa@gmail.com

¿SE HABLA ESPAÑOL?

Do you know someone who is bilingual in Spanish and passionate about helping children and families? We're always looking to grow our CASA volunteer team—especially with Spanish-speaking advocates who can help us better support our community.

IF SOMEONE COMES TO MIND, CLICK HERE + SEND THEM THIS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Continuing Education

In-Person, Virtual, and Self-Guided Training Opportunities

(CLICK THE LINKS BELOW FOR ACCESS)

On Demand Trainings

Stewards of Children

Darkness to Light

Code: FLIPTHESWITCH

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CASA on the Go: Continuing Education for Volunteers (Podcast)

Texas CASA

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On Demand Virtual Trainings

Georgia Center for Resources and Support

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Live Online Trainings

6/17 12PM-1:30PM

Breaking the Intergenerational Cycle of Abuse

Stephanie V. Blank Center - CHOA

* Must pre-register.

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6/18 9AM-12:30PM

Psychological Safety: A Pathway to Resilience

Child Welfare Training Collaborative - Georgia State University

* Must pre-register.

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6/25 9AM-12:30PM

Recognizing and Managing Secondary Traumatic Stress

Child Welfare Training Collaborative - Georgia State University

* Must pre-register.

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6/27 9AM-12:30PM

Delivering Trauma-Informed Customer Service

Child Welfare Training Collaborative - Georgia State University

* Must pre-register.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS](#)

Reminder

- Please remember to log your training in the tab marked "Training" on the main page in Optima- you need to log 12 hours of continuing education each year.
- Reading along with Book Club is now worth 4 CE hours!



BACK to SCHOOL BASH



Join us for a day of fun!

- DJ
- Snow Cones
- Arts & Crafts
- Emergency Vehicles
- Food
- Games
- Free Backpacks
- & More!

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by June 15th



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