

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dutchess County Court Appointed Special Advocates



What's New!

Happy New Year C.A.S.A. Family!

We are so excited to ring in the New Year with you by our side. We hope that you and your loved ones had a wonderful holiday season and were able to get some rest! Here at C.A.S.A., we are ready to jump into the New Year as we are still working part-time from home as well as part-time in the office. We also have some changes that will hopefully make your life a little easier when it comes to documenting case notes as well as recording trainings.

The first new "hack" we are doing is creating a training calendar for you to view a month in advance! You will be able to find the calendar as a link on the right-hand side of this letter in the red column under "Available Training Dates" all you have to do is "here" and you'll be brought directly to it.

The second "hack" is that we have updated how you document your training hours. Instead of putting them into your case notes and making that already long document longer, we have created a Google Form. You can also find this as a link on the right-hand side of this letter in the red column under "Document Your Training Hours Here" and all you have to do is click "Here" and you'll be brought right to the site! There you will be asked some questions about the training but once you submit it we will be notified and keep track of your hours for you.

REMEMBER...

**AVAILABLE TRAINING
DATES
[HERE!](#)**

**DOCUMENT YOUR
TRAINING HOURS
[HERE!](#)**

INTERESTING ARTICLES...

**[NATIONAL FREEZE ON AGING
OUT OF FOSTER CARE](#)**

**[HELPING CHILDREN WITH
TRAGIC EVENTS IN THE NEWS](#)**

**THIS MONTHS PODCAST
FOR SELF-CARE!**

APPLE USERS: [HAPPY PLACE](#)

ANDROID USERS: [HAPPY PLACE](#)



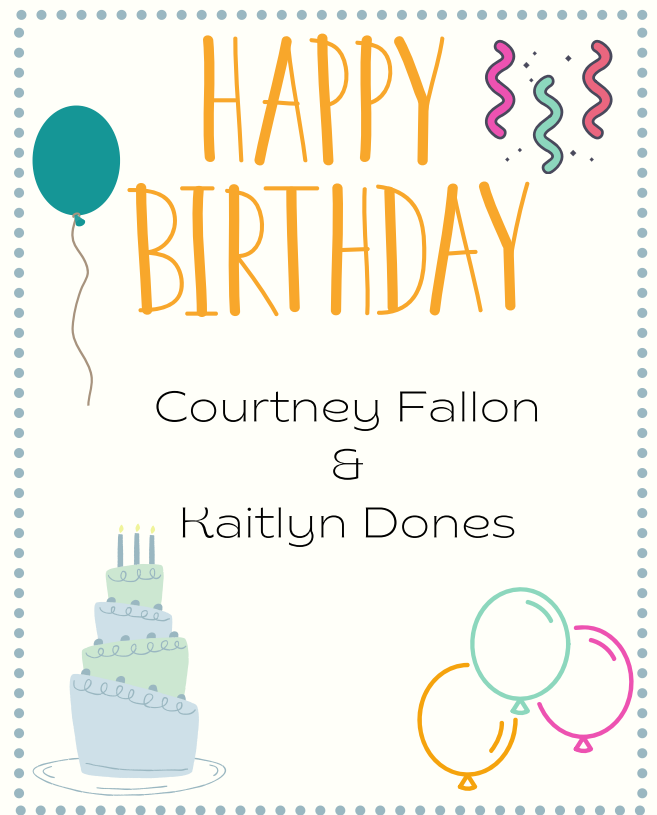
During the Holiday Season, we were lucky enough to have gifts donated from Wendy's Wonderful Kids as well as from Saint Columbo! These gifts let us serve all 65 of our children ranging from under one year of age to twenty-one. We are eternally grateful for our donors and those who are always helping us give back to our families!

We could not do it without the dedication of our volunteers and we cannot thank you enough! Cheers to you and we are so excited to see what 2021 has in store for us.

A Look Back at Last Year

Looking back at 2020, C.A.S.A. there were some big steps taken. We first moved buildings in early April and are now located at 515 Haight Avenue, Poughkeepsie! In this new building, we have a larger office to hold meetings as well as a large conference room right across the hall where we hope that once it is safe, we can hold gatherings and visits there.

Although the Pandemic tried to throw a wrench in many of our plans, the C.A.S.A. family rose to the occasion and adapted. During the adjustment, we switched to a virtual platform that included virtual court appearances, virtual visits, as well as virtual volunteer and staff meetings. Looking back, our amazing volunteers were able to serve 65 children. Going to 35 virtual court hearings and holding over 500 visits whether it was over video conference, phone, or in person! So although we were distant to try and stop the spread, we really did our part to keep the community together!



THANK YOU!

The C.A.S.A. staff would like to recognize our volunteer's tireless efforts throughout the 2020 calendar year. It sure was not easy but we are so thankful to each one of you!

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please feel free to reach out to Courtney Fallon via phone (413)537-1925 or email at cfallon@mhadutchess.org.