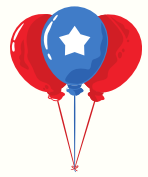




# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



*Dutchess County Court Appointed Special Advocates*



**DUTCHESS COUNTY**

## New Resources, Same CASA

A lot has changed in the last year and a half, and your local CASA program is no exception. We have been busy making sure we are doing everything we can to support our community's continual growth and well-being by linking our families with the proper resources.

Recently CASA has been taking part in a new court initiative called The Families First initiative which has been started by our very own Family Court Judge, the Honorable Judge Martin. This program is working towards bringing the agencies of Dutchess County together to better help those who go through the Family Court System and better support those moving towards reunification.

In the last year and a half, CASA has also been awarded a grant that allows us to complete Victim Compensation Applications for the children we serve and their families. This service has the potential to help our families and our community access the services they need and might otherwise not be able to afford it.

For the latest information on what our program is doing and to remain in touch please check out our website at

[www.mhadutchess.org](http://www.mhadutchess.org)

To find our page look under services or [click here!](#)

### REMEMBER...

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

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

**VOLUNTEER MONTHLY  
MEETING:**

**NO MONTHLY FOR JULY  
SEE YOU NEXT MONTH**

**INTERESTING ARTICLES...  
[SIMONE BILES: I WENT FROM  
FOSTER CARE TO THE  
OLYMPICS](#)**

**THIS MONTH'S PODCAST!**

**THE HONESTLY ADOPTION PODCAST:  
[CLICK HERE!](#)**

THE HOSTS SHARE OPEN AND HONEST PERSPECTIVES FROM THE JOURNEY OF FOSTER, ADOPTIVE, AND SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTING. THEIR GOAL IS TO BE REAL AND HONEST BUT ALSO BRING HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO PARENTS, ALL OVER THE WORLD.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT IF YOU  
COMPLETE A TRAINING TO FILL OUT  
THE FORM ABOVE TO RECEIVE  
CREDIT TOWARDS YOUR NEEDED  
HOURS!**



# It's Summer, What Can I Do To Support My CASA Kids?

This is a common question as typically in the summer things can slow down but, there are still a variety of ways you can stay connected to the families and children you serve.

- If you haven't done so already you can contact the school the child attends and request a transcript to verify they are meeting all of their educational goals. Typically there is always someone in the building that can get you access to these documents, just remember to have your CASA Assignment Order handy!
- Sometimes it is recommended the child attend summer classes and if this is the case you can help make sure the child is signed up for the proper classes. You can also touch base with the instructor to see if they recommend any additional resources you might be able to arrange such as tutoring, I.E.P., etc.
- Depending on the age of the child you might be able to help them find seasonal, local employment to help build up their resume. There are many different locations hiring locally so feel free to reach out if you need any help with the search.
- You can always arrange to work on a project during a visit. There are some great websites that have a supplies list for D.I.Y. experiments and crafts such as building a volcano, coloring stain glass art, and so much more. These would be great to work on during visits so if you come across a project you'd like to try please reach out to Courtney Fallon a week in advance and she can arrange to have the supplies in the office for you to pick up before your next visit.
- Arranging a visit to our garden plot located at the Pershing Avenue park would be a great way to have some fun this summer. Although you are not able to drive the children, you can always arrange to have a visit at the plot and spend some time watering, weeding, and maybe even harvesting some amazing veggies! We recently just had our first harvest of the year of three delicious Zucchini's!

## Happy Fourth of July

Happy Fourth of July from all of our families to yours.

On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence. Today we celebrate with parades, cookouts, and fireworks with friends and family. To help you celebrate here is a list of local places putting on events.



### July 2nd

Fireworks - East Fishkill at 9:15 p.m at the Hopewell Recreation Field

### July 3rd

Parade - Hyde Park from Route 9 to the Town Hall

### July 4th

Fireworks - West Point at dusk

### July 17th

2021 **Freedom Fest Fireworks** will be held in Thomas Bull Memorial Park. Gates open at 4 p.m.; fireworks begin at dusk.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Dorothy Rota*

*July 19th*

*&  
Aneasa Nugent*

*July 25th*



# THANK 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](mailto:cfallon@mhadutchess.org).