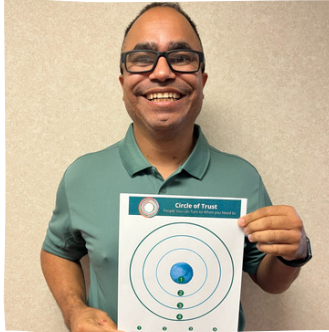


### CFE Tool of the Month

Circle of Trust: Provides a visual of connection, or lack of connection. COT provides insight on how youth see themselves and on whom they can trust in their lives. This tool is normally a 5-layer circle with the person completing the circle being at the center.



1- Intimate Circle is reserved for people who are the closest to you; you can trust them with your eyes closed, usually a partner, children, parents and/or siblings.

2- Circle of Medium Trust are people that we can ask favors, spend time with, and we talk to about many topics; normally friends, teachers, religious leaders, and relatives are located here.

3- Circle of Poor Trust are people with whom you have a relationship, but you don't trust with your secrets and don't ask for favors. Normally these are classmates, co-workers or distant relatives.

4- Circle of Very Little Trust are people you know or speak with on occasions. Kids in other classes, neighbors down the street, store clerks, professional personnel such as firemen, policemen etc.

5- Circle of Mistrust are unknown people with whom you have not established any kind of relationship or with whom you have exchanged a casual conversation. At the start of a case, a youth could place their CASA and PCM here. People can move in and out of the circle depending on situations.



Please reach out to staff or supervisors if you are feeling overwhelmed or in need of assistance!

### Spotlight!

Congratulations, Sandra, for being recognized by your peers!



Lee Ann Millender says, "Sandra is the epitome of a child advocate. She pleads, defends, and supports the causes and interests of our children and volunteers. From the beginning when Big Country CASA was in the grassroots stage, she was on the front line, growing our program to what it is today, having served over 1,000 children & youth. Tireless, committed, and passionate, Sandra is an anchor, advocate, Christ-follower. She lives out scripture."

Selma Lee had this to say about Sandra, "When I grow up, I want to be just like Sandra...the word minimum is not in her vocabulary! I love her passion for kids, her support as she walks alongside them to guide their path and the tenacity she brings to the table as she advocates for them! She always sees the good in everyone and helps others to take notice as well."

Big Country CASA is better because you are here!



## 16th de Septiembre Parade

**Celebrating Hispanic Heritage  
Month**

**6pm Friday - September the 15th**

**Lineup @ 5:30pm**

**St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church**

**For more Info: 325-721-1568**



*Hope needs a helping hand*

Don't forget to like,  
share, and comment on  
our social media posts!



## Info Meet Thursdays!

### In Person:

September 7th, 10-11am @Tea2Go

September 14th 2-3pm @Front Porch

September 21st 5:15-6:15PM @Mezamiz

September 28th 9-10am @Summer Moon

### Virtual Info Meet:

September 20th, 7-8pm

Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89911924344?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89911924344?pwd=ejhTVjBKWkVGNTVSbTBCdUtjWkdWUT09)

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## Other Important Dates:

### Winter New Volunteer Training

Kicks off January 18th!

### Reminders!

You have 4 months to complete the remainder of your 12 CEUs!

### CEU Opportunities

L&L Tuesday, Sept 12th, 11:45am – 1:00pm

Advocate Safety Training w/Det. John Graham

Sept 27, 11am to 2pm 88th Leg. Session Wrap-up,

Location to be determined – Lunch provided

### Other Dates:

September 15th, Hispanic Heritage Month Parade

6:00pm @ St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church

## A BIG Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to our advocate Corey Barnett and Trinity Baptist Church Children's Ministry for donating school supplies to help our CASA kiddos start off the school year strong! The impact these acts of kindness make truly does "Change a child's story!"



## New Advocates!

August 29, 2023, two new volunteers were sworn in. Please welcome and congratulate Pat Fitzgerald and Ralph Gilmore.

Every child has a chance-it's you!



## 88th Legislative Session Wrap-up

The Public Policy Team is planning to host several in-person regional training sessions this fall detailing legislative changes and impacts on the CASA Network following the 88th Legislative Session.

Our local in-person training will be **Wed, Sept 27th, 11am to 2pm**, (location to be determined), lunch provided with RSVP.

You do not have to be a member of a LAT team to attend. This information is applicable to all local CASA programs.

Join us for a candid, interactive discussion about our key takeaways from the legislative session and how the new laws will impact CASA advocacy.

RSVP required by emailing [publicpolicy@texascasa.org](mailto:publicpolicy@texascasa.org)



### Key Connections Conference

January 23, 2024 @  
Beltway Park North  
Details to come!

## Quote of the month:

*We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.*

– Ronald Reagan