

Tour de Abilene!

Join us on a new training adventure. Big Country CASA is going on a "Tour de Abilene". We are scheduling tours at local facilities that we (as CASAs) could benefit from knowing more about.

We are planning to visit one location each month. The times will be determined based on each facility's requirements for visitors so be sure to check each invite for the specifics. We hope you can join us.

Keep an eye out for emails from Jen with more information!

New Employee!

Meet Linda Gabriel, our newest Advocate Supervisor here at Big Country CASA.



"I am a wife, a mother of 3 grown children, a Lollie to 4 grandchildren and mom to a mini schnauzer named Finley Jane. I am an avid hiker I love to read psychological thrillers and exciting travel adventures".

Favorite quote is "Get busy living, or get busy dying". -Shawshank Redemption

Hope needs a helping hand



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



Volunteer Opportunity!

We are excited to have an opportunity to help United Way with Winter Lightfest!

If you are interested in helping on the 13th of December, please let Dana know at danaward@bigcountrycasa.org!

Foster Care Sim goes to Delaware!

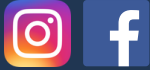
Lee Ann traveled to Dover, Delaware to assist the CASA program there in hosting the Foster Care Simulation with almost 100 in attendance. It is so interesting to see how CASA functions in other states. In Dover, the CASA program is in conjunction with the Office of the Child Advocate which oversees the training for professionals in the child welfare system.



Please vote for our Door Decorating Contest on December 18th on Facebook. Our winner will be announced on the 19th!



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



Info Meet Thursdays!

In Person:

December 7th, 9-10am @ Monks

December 14th, 10-11am @ Tea2Go (North)

Volunteers are Welcome to Attend Info Meets and Bring a Friend!

Other Important Dates:

Winter New Volunteer Training

Begins January 23rd, 2025 and runs through February 13th, 2025!

For a complete schedule, please visit our website:

www.bigcountrycasa.org

Refer a friend!

Reminder:

You have 1 more month to get your 12 hours of CEUs for the year! Please contact Jen at jenniferlemke@bigcountrycasa.org if you have any questions!

December CEU Opportunity:

Lunch and Learn: TBRI - What you need to know! on December 10th, 12:00-1:00

Keep an eye out for opportunities sent through email from Jennifer Lemke!

Quote of the month:

"Christmas is a togethery sort of holiday." said Pooh

"That's my favorite kind." said Piglet



Office closed for Winter Break from 12:00 on December 23rd to January 1st! Office opens back up January 2nd, 8:30am!



MENS:

- 12/14, 6:00, VS HARDIN-SIMMONS
- 12/21, 3:00, VS TEXAS SOUTHERN
- 12/31, 3:00, VS STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

WOMENS:

- 12/7, 1:00, VS TEXAS A&M - COMMERCE
- 12/17, 6:00, VS HOWARD PAYNE
- 12/30, 1:00, VS NELSON UNIVERSITY



ACU HAS GENEROUSLY PROVIDED US WITH LIMITED TICKETS TO EACH MALE AND FEMALE HOME GAME THIS YEAR!

PLEASE CONTACT DANA AT DANAWARD@BIGCOUNTRYCASA.ORG TO RESERVE!