



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA BUZZ

JANUARY 2026

CASA on the News!

Lee Ann and Jennifer sat down with KRBC's Heather Easley during an Abilene Midday broadcast to discuss the basics of becoming an advocate for Big Country CASA. It was short and sweet but a great networking experience.



Crockett Early Head Start Food Drive!

Thank you all for helping to supply Crockett Early Head Start with pantry staples during the holiday season.

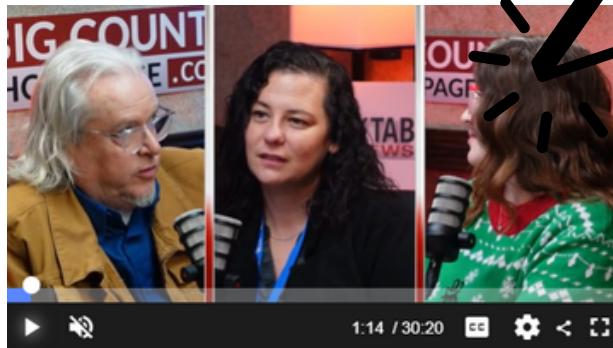


Sharing Stories!

Thank you, Kathy Arno, for your heart for kids in care and for sharing your story during our Mission Moment at the board meeting!



Check out Candace and Dana's Spot on the Abilene People Podcast!



Confidential Companions!

We know that being a CASA volunteer is hard on the heart! Please know that you are more than welcome to have a Confidential Companion if you are interested! Reach out to Jen at jenniferlemke@bigcountrycasa.org for more information!



Watch the Abilene People podcast at BigCountryHomepage.com to see more CASA content!

Don't forget to like, share, and comment on our Social media Posts!



Info Meet Thursdays!

In Person:

January 8th, 9-10am @ Summer Moon

January 15th, 10-11am @ Tea2Go (South)

January 22nd, 2-3pm @ Starbucks (351)

January 29th, 5:15-6:15 @ Mezamiz Coffee House

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

January New Volunteer Training

- Thurs Jan 22nd 6pm – 7:30pm
- Mon Jan 26th 5:45pm – 9:00pm
- Thurs Jan 29th 5:45pm – 9:00pm
- Mon Feb 2nd 5:45pm – 9:00pm
- Thurs Feb 5th 5:45pm – 9:00pm
- Mon Feb 9th 5:45pm – 9:00pm
- Thurs Feb 12th 5:45pm – 9:00pm

Please feel free to attend to refresh your CASA knowledge. Let Jennifer know so she can have dinner for you.

January CEU Opportunities:

January 26th Key Connections @ 8am-3:30pm
Betway North, 2850 TX-351, Abilene, TX 79601

Lunch and Learn - January 28th 12-1pm
Brionna Pritchard with New Horizons will talk about Counseling Services.
Keep an eye out for other opportunities!

Tour de Abilene Dates:

January 13th @12pm @ FaithWorks
1229 N Mockingbird Ln, Abilene, TX 79603

Reminder:

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



Congratulation Candace on being Advocate of the Quarter and welcome to the Big Country CASA staff!

Hope needs a helping hand



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

Tour de Abilene!

We are fortunate to be invited to tour FaithWorks this month on January 13th from 12-1pm. 1229 N Mockingbird Ln, Abilene, TX 79603

Check it out!

We are highlighting our CFE tools! Learn more on our website at <https://bigcountrycasa.org/volunteer/advocate-resources/cfe-tools/> or check out our social media post this month about the CFE Connect Cards tool!

BCC will be closed
January 19th in
observation of
MLK Day.



Quote of the month:

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give,"
— Winston Churchill