

**CASA**Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA BUZZ

NOVEMBER 2025

Foster Care Sim on the Road!

Big Country CASA had the opportunity to take our Foster Care Simulation to Montana. The simulation is a unique interactive experience of the foster care system through the eyes of a child, parent, foster parent or party of a case that helps individuals to walk away with a new perspective! In Montana we had 50 participants who were able to participate and gain new incite.



Welcome New Volunteers!

Congratulations to Anna Bouchelle, Tiffany McCaghren, Kali Cronin, SanDee Barnes, and Kariah Beverage on becoming our newest volunteer advocates!

Every child has a chance--it's you!



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 Mobility Map tool!

Bring in Some Shelf Stable/Pantry Goods!

From November 7th through December 12th Big Country CASA will be collecting pantry items for those in need from Crockett Early Head Start. If you are interested in providing some, keep an eye on your email for more information. Contact Dana Ward or Courtney Muñoz to drop off! 325-677-6448



Food Items Requested Due to severe allergies, please no items with nuts			
Cheerios (Plain)		Ramen	
Macaroni & Cheese (with cheese sauce)		Canned Ravioli	
Canned Green Beans		Crackers	
Canned Corn		Canned Fruit/Fruit Cups	
Instant Oatmeal		Applesauce	
Spaghetti Pasta		Pop Tarts	
Pasta Sauce		Goldfish	
Grape Jelly		Cheez Its	
Shelf Stable Milk		Canned/Dry Beans	
Icing		Cake Mix	

Tour de Abilene!

We were fortunate to be invited to tour The Salvation Army this last month. Thank you all for attending and for sharing the resources we have in Abilene with those that need it!



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



Info Meet Thursdays!

In Person:

November 6th, 9-10am @ Summer Moon

November 13th, 10-11am @ Tea2Go (South)

November 20th, 2-3pm @ Majestic

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.

November & December CEU Opportunities:

Lunch and Learn - November 5th @12pm - Cyber Security- Richard Griffin

Lunch and Learn - December 2nd @12pm - Childe and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Keep an eye out for other opportunities!

Tour de Abilene Dates:

December 9th @ 9am @ Youth Voice

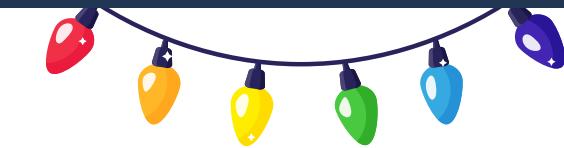
Reminder:

You have about 2 months to get your 12 hours of CEUs for the year! Please contact Jen at jenniferlemke@bigcountrycasa.org if you have any questions!

Quote of the month:

"When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength."

— Tecumseh



Winter Lightfest volunteer sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA5A82BABFCC25-59349651-winter/124961339#/>



KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE FREE TICKET LINKS FINISHING UP FOOTBALL SEASON AND THE BASKETBALL LINKS SHOULD BE COMING OUT SOON!

Hope needs a helping hand



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

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!

BCC WILL BE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 27TH AND 28TH.

OPENING AT 8:30 ON

DECEMBER 1ST.

