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Newsletter August 2022

## *CASA of Coos and Curry Counties*

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### **CASA OF COOS AND CURRY COUNTIES OREGON COAST COMMUNITY ACTION**

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**Summer is a crazy and busy time for CASA.** There are so many wonderful community events between our Coos and Curry Counties. We are trying hard to cover as many as possible to show presence and hopefully recruit some new CASA volunteers.

Although the numbers of kids in care have continually decreased over these last 2 years, we still need more CASA volunteers so we can move closer to serving every child in care. Now that we can get back into our communities, with in-person activities, it's time to recruit! Every child deserves a voice! We need your help! If you know someone who would be a good fit for CASA, please talk to them and send them our way. If you took leave during the pandemic and would like to come back, now is the time!

In July I had a conversation with a young woman, who was in care in Coos County some years ago. She shared with me, "I remember my CASA fighting harder than anyone else for me, and she was the only one not getting paid to fight." This is powerful and is why CASAs are so important to children in care. All children need someone willing to fight for them just because it's the right thing to do. Stepping up as a volunteer to advocate on this level for a child says so much to that child right now and into their future.

New CASA training starts in September, let us know if you are ready.

**Here's a link to our online CASA Application:**

<https://or-coos.evintosolutions.com/VolunteerApplication>

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It's Parade Season! In July we did the **Port Orford 4th of July Parade** (Thanks Tammy, Suzan, and Ericka for helping out!). The **Gold Beach Fair Parade** was so much fun! We gave out some CASA frisbees (Thanks Anna Huit for that donation) and about 25 pounds of candy! Thanks to CASAs Gayle and Richard Hall for driving the truck and trailer through the parade. Thanks to CASA staff Susan Zwicker, ORCCA Board Member Georgia Nowlan, and community volunteer Tyson for helping out!



Hope needs  
a helping hand.

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Do you have 10  
hours a month to  
make a difference  
in a child's life?

Volunteer Today!

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Drew and Anna picking out their shirts for our Tie Die event.





Arlo is always happy if he can find a child to play with!

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**Events!**  
**Coming Up**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> - National Night Out** - Coquille 6-8pm. We'll have a booth with our partners from Every Child and the Coos Foster Parent Association. Stop by and say Hi!

**August 6th-7th -Art on the Coast** - Fundraiser for our CASA work in Curry County. Let us know if you would like to help out! We'll be doing a kids activity and recruiting new CASAs. We'll also be selling water at our CASA booth if you would like to help out with that activity. Saturday 10-5; Sunday 10-4.

**August 13th - 12-2pm - Oregon Bay Area Beautification** - ORCCA/CASA clean up. Grounds clean up around CASA and ORCCA site. Let me know if you would like to help out!

**August 20th - Pride in the Park** - Join us at our CASA booth at Southern Oregon Coast Pride's "Pride in the Park." The event will be at Boynton Park in North Bend from 10am - 3pm.

[SOC Pride in the Park | Facebook](#)

**August 27<sup>th</sup> - Zonta Yard Sale** - We'll be hosting the Zonta Yard Sale fundraiser at the CASA property again this year. Zonta has long been a CASA program partner by providing grant funding and supportive resources for women and children in our community. Put it on you calendar to stop and buy some stuff to support his wonderful organization!



**Aug 6-7th**  
 Port of Brookings Harbor

**art on the Coast festival**

Unique Artisans and Crafters  
 line the Board Walk

Live Music Kids Art Activities  
 Beer and Wine Garden Free Parking  
 Restaurants For your Dining Pleasure

Proceeds Benefit **CASA**  
 Court Appointed Special Advocates  
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Our Funding Partner of the Month:

Thank you to the **Herbert A. Templeton Foundation** for their grant award of \$15,000



The Herbert A. Templeton Foundation is an Oregon charitable corporation founded in 1955 by Herbert A. Templeton (1883 - 1969, pictured).

The principal activity of The Herbert A. Templeton Foundation is the making of grants to appropriate tax-exempt organizations in the areas of education, social concerns, performing arts and humanities. The Foundation endeavors to remain responsive to changing conditions, and perceptive to emerging and critical needs. Overall, the trustees feel a strong commitment to strengthening the quality of life for the total community with special emphasis on giving support to youth.

Learn more here: [Herbert A Templeton Foundation](#)

[HERBERT A \(worldforestry.org\)](#)

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## August CASA In-Service

### Advocating for LGBTQ+ Youth

This month we will be watching a webinar from National CASA on advocating for LGBTQ+ Youth, then we will have a 30 minute discussion after the webinar.

August 30th - 12 - 2pm

Community Partners are always welcome!

Topic: **CASA In-Service Training - Advocating for LGBTQ+ Youth**

Time: Aug 30, 2022 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179375240?pwd=dC8zdGRYd1VSQXFwY2hYOXl3dXJpUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 7937 5240

Passcode: 206682

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**You can become a Funding Partner for **CASA!****  
Donate directly through the **Donate** link or  
give us a call at 541-435-7103

**DONATE!**

Set up a **monthly recurring** payment for as little as \$5/month!

You can also mail in your donation to our CASA office at 1848 Thomas Ave, Coos Bay ,  
OR 97420  
or our ORCCA office at 1855 Thomas Ave, Coos Bay, OR 97420

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### **CASA Tangible Needs List**

A few things we could use for our CASA office and work. If you have any of these you'd like to donate bring them by or contact us.

1. 6 or 8 foot step ladder - for work around the office
  2. New or very gently used kids clothes for 8-10 year old - boys and girls
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### ***CASA Birthdays in August***

Richard Hall  
Chellie Mitchell  
Vera Turner  
Barbara Cornell  
Claudia Tadlock

Happy Birthday CASAs!

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### **CASA Stats - August 1st**

#### **Children CASAs are Currently Serving**

Coos = 53  
Curry = 14

#### **Children on our Wait list**

Coos = 40  
Curry = 14

#### **Active CASA Volunteers**

Coos = 45  
Curry = 10

### **DHS Stats- July**

### Kids in Care

Coos = 93

Curry = 28

### Resource Homes

Coos = 67

(43 General)

Curry = 14

(4 General)

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## ***CASA Anniversaries - August***

Well, I guess we've never sworn in CASAs in August! Thus, Happy CASAversary to everyone!

Happy CASA Anniversary! Thank you for your time in serving children and making a difference in their lives!



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## **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion**

StopBullying.gov has some really good information to help us advocate for our youth.

[LGBTQI+ Youth | StopBullying.gov](https://www.stopbullying.gov/bullying/lgbtq)  
<https://www.stopbullying.gov/bullying/lgbtq>

[Bullying and Youth with Disabilities and Special Health Needs | StopBullying.gov](https://www.stopbullying.gov/bullying/special-needs)  
<https://www.stopbullying.gov/bullying/special-needs>

What are some of your favorite sources or books for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion study? Please share by reaching out - [casacooscurry@orcca.us](mailto:casacooscurry@orcca.us)

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## South Coast Oregon Connects

Serving Coos County by bringing together specific resources and creating one cohesive place for local organization's contact information, news stories, volunteer opportunities, press releases, and a calendar of events.

<https://southcoastconnects.org/>

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### Resource Closet

The Coos Resource Closet is a collaborative effort by CASA, United Way/Every Child, and the Coos County Foster Parent Association! We are working on a partnership to get a resource closet up and running in Curry County. Stay Tuned! Our resource closet has clothing, shoes, diapers, mattress covers, cribs, and other child needs. Reach out or stop by if your families are in need.

Stop by at the CASA office Mon-Friday (most weeks) 8am - 4pm. Or email or call to set up an appointment.





## Other Resources



Oregon Foster Youth Connection has a page up with resources for youth during the crisis.

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**NEEDS:** Every Child Oregon has rolled out their "My Neighbor" program for foster providers, children in foster care, or youth impacted by foster care. This is a page where they fill out a short form describing their needs, which gets sent to their area My Neighbor hubs for addressing those needs.

**GIVING:** Don't have needs but have want to help provide resources? Well, they've thought of that to! The link to the right will take you to a page where you can let them know what resources you can help provide.



**Oregon Child Abuse Hotline Feedback Email.** Use this to let DHS know about your experience using the central hotline to call in suspected child abuse:

[Feedback](#)

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*Disclaimer: All spelling and grammar mistakes are a normal function of this newsletter and meant to have you notice and report. -Greg*

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## Some of Our Partners



### CASA of Coos and Curry Counties Website

Oregon Coast Community Action - CASA of Coos and Curry Counties

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