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Newsletter October 2022

## *CASA of Coos and Curry Counties*

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### Domestic Violence Awareness Month

It's one of the reoccurring family stressors and areas of neglect that we see in our dependency petitions - **children exposed to domestic violence**. Exposure to domestic violence is one of the major childhood traumas identified in the

Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACEs). Exposure to domestic violence is trauma and it can have an adverse effect on a child's development and overall mental and physical health not only in childhood but also into adulthood. Children are smart and aware when another human being is being hurt in their household. That abuse might be silent to the community but it's rarely silent to the child.

The effects of exposure to domestic violence include anxiety, depression, posttraumatic stress, and others. Long term effects, most often seen in adulthood include drug abuse, health issues, and becoming abusers themselves (repeated abusive behavior). Let's face it, children learn from what they experience.



As a CASA, I've worked with very young children who have been adversely affected by exposure to domestic violence, not only in the direct effects to the child, but how the child views themselves, the abuser, and victim. Children will sometimes assume they are to become the victim role or the abuser role.

We are privileged to have some great resources and experts in our community who work to address the effects of domestic violence and have programs to help it stop. They also provide public education on domestic violence.

In Coos County we have **The Safe Project**. "The mission of The SAFE Project is to create a society where domestic violence and sexual assault are not tolerated; to promote a culture that respects, supports, and empowers survivors while holding abusers accountable."

In Curry County we have **Oasis**. "We seek to empower survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking by providing emergency shelter and advocacy services. We provide these free services to clients both in and out of shelter."

Please support these wonderful programs, reach out to learn, donate, volunteer! Their work is important and they make a lasting difference for our children and families!

Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse Support | The SAFE Project (stopabusecoos.org)  
<http://stopabusecoos.org/>

oasis | oasis advocacy and shelter  
<https://oasisadvocacyandshelter.org/>

Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Calendar

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**New CASA training** started September 29th, there is still time to join. Let us know if you are ready. Next training will begin after March 2023.

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

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

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**Sometimes it's just good to go fishing!**

**Richard Hall** and I got to spend some time at the lake when he and Gayle came up to Coos for an appointment. **Richard and Gayle are CASAs from Curry County**. They've traveled from Brookings to Portland to Roseburg to visit youth. They're just a couple of

the wonderful folks who step up to become CASAs. Richard and Gayle are also involved with our partners at Every Child. They help in kids activities, mentoring, and tutoring.



Richard loves to get snagged up on the bottom of the lake. It's opportunity for him to get his feet wet! He tried to convince me that it was a giant fish but I'm still not buying it. We didn't catch any fish, other than that old log that Richard was fighting, but it was a relaxing day.



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## Events! Coming Up

**FC3 Spaghetti Feed and Fundraiser - November 5th**, North Bend Community Center. 12-2pm. Collaborative fundraiser for MyNeighbor (Every Child) program and the Coos and Curry Resource Closets. We still need a few volunteers.

**FPA Christmas Party - December 10th - 11am - 2pm**. Hauser Community Church. Still needing a few volunteers.

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### Steve Shirtcliff CASA Scholarship Update

Three scholarships of \$2100 each will be awarded for the 22-23 academic year!

We are now raising funds for the 23-24 Academic year. You can

donation to the link below or send a check to:

CASA of Coos and Curry Counties  
1848 Thomas Ave, Coos Bay, OR 97420

Please note: Steve Shirtcliff Scholarship on check.

[Donate to Scholarship Fundraiser](#)

<https://dashboard.dipjar.com/sparkvirtual/7641f8a1-23d3-11ed-8e4d-ddaf7e26352b>

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Our Funding Partner of the Month:



Thank you to the The Lamb Foundation for their generous grant of \$10,000 to our CASA program!

The mission of Lamb Foundation is to support creative programs to improve the quality of human experience.



[Lamb Foundation](https://www.lambfoundation.org/)

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## October CASA In-Service

October's in-service will be a presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences. Whether this is the first time or a refresher, the ACEs presentation is always really good!

Community Partners are always welcome!

RSVP to [casacoos@orcca.us](mailto:casacoos@orcca.us) and we'll send you the invite.

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### Arlo the CASA Dog

Arlo's hip replacement surgery went great! He is home and recovering, but getting pretty bored not being able to run and play and visit kids. Thank you so much to everyone, including the Johnston Foundation, who helped us raise the funds to heal Arlo so he can go back to work!



Just taking it  
easy.

Watching kids playing across the street. Ericka said it's been along time since he was able to sit like this as his hip was so displaced. The new hip is working great!



You'll be able to run and play very soon Arlo!



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 reoccurring** 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 Birthdays in October*

Karen Taylor  
Megan Kronsteiner-Cahill  
Emily Liga  
Kyle Brown  
Sharon Aday

Happy Birthday CASAs!

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**CASA Stats - October 1st**  
Children CASAs are Currently Serving  
Coos = 45  
Curry = 14

Children on our Wait list  
Coos = 39  
Curry = 12

Active CASA Volunteers  
Coos = 38  
Curry = 9

**DHS Stats- September**  
Kids in Care  
Coos = 94

Curry = 27

**Resource Homes**

Coos = 63

Curry = 15

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**CASA Anniversaries - October**

Betty Sue Reed- 6 Years!

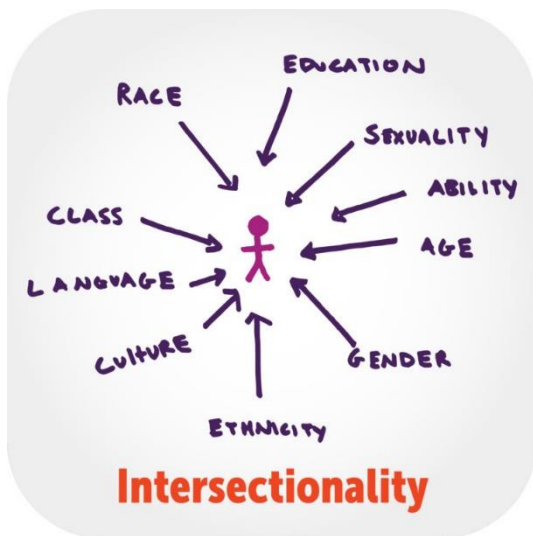
Happy CASA Anniversary! Thank you for your time in serving children and making a difference in their lives!



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**Equity, Diversity, Inclusion**

**Intersectionality**

Intersectionality illustrates the ways in which oppressive institutions (racism, sexism, cissexism, heterosexism, ableism, classism and more) are interconnected and cannot be examined separately from one another.<sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup> Crenshaw and Harris. (2016) "A Primer on Intersectionality." African American Policy Forum.

[Intersectionality - YWCA Spokane](https://ywcaspokane.org/intersectionality/)  
<https://ywcaspokane.org/intersectionality/>

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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**Resource Closet**



The Coos Resource Closet is a collaborative effort by CASA, United Way/Every Child, and the Coos County Foster Parent Association! 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.

Our collaborative resource closet in Curry County is at the Curry Juvenile Department. Reach out to Ericka if you have a family in need.

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## Other Resources



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



**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.



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**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

Mailing Address: 1855 Thomas Ave, Coos Bay, OR 97420

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541-435-7103

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