

# CASA Childrens Advocates

The CASA Program is a non-profit organization funded solely by donations and grants, with the mission to recruit, train, and support dedicated guardian ad litem volunteers to represent abused and neglected children. Our vision is to ensure that every child in Idaho's First Judicial District lives in a safe, healthy and nurturing family environment.

Our program is appointed to every abuse, neglect, or abandonment case in the First Judicial District. This district includes Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Bonner, and Boundary counties. We serve over 550 children in all 5 counties, and have approximately 118 volunteers.

CASA also offers community outreach training to promote awareness on abuse and neglect. Providing information on indicators, reporting, and explaining the role of all service agencies, the judicial system, and CASA, providing a voice for all victims, especially the younger ones, within the court system. Referrals always come from child protective services, volunteers independently investigate the situation by interviewing anyone involved, visit the children and the homes where they live or will live, then submit their written recommendations to the judge and may be asked to testify on behalf of the child.

Find a way, whether it is to volunteer as a CASA, to make a donation of time or money to CASA, or any service in the community that directly impacts the lives of these kids and their families. We all need to work together in changing a life of hurt into hope, and one day the children will thank us.

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## Briefly ...

### LaLeche League Supports Moms

Support for breastfeeding and mothering. La Leche League meetings are ongoing and topics include everything from getting breastfeeding off to a good start to weaning. Monthly meetings, summer Park Days and other gatherings throughout the year. Meet other mothers, make new friends! We sell baby slings. For directions and information, call Kimberlee 689-9254.

### El Dia de los Niños/Day of the Child

Join in for an afternoon of activities for children of all ages and their parents to celebrate the Day of the Child on April 26 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Harding Family Center, 411 N. 15th in Coeur d'Alene. Call 765-6955 for information.

### Y.E.S. to Host Rock-A-Thon in July

Spirit Lake Youth Equipped for Success (Y.E.S.) is hosting the "Drug Free Community Rock-a-thon" Friday, July 13, 7 pm-10 pm and Saturday, July 14, 10 am-4 pm at the Spirit Lake City Park.

Friday night kicks off with a concert supporting local talent showcased in a positive environment. Saturday will feature games, prizes, food and displays by area organizations and agencies dedicated to youth. 623-2539 [spiritleakeyes@yahoo.com](mailto:spiritleakeyes@yahoo.com).



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