

The News

March 2025



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

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Words from the Director

As we welcome the new season, I invite you to "spring into action" and make a meaningful impact in our community. At CASA of West CenLA, we are continually inspired by the power of individuals coming together to create positive change. Whether through mentorship, advocacy, or support services, volunteers like you are the heartbeat of our organization, helping foster children build brighter futures.

Volunteering with us is an opportunity to make a direct difference in the lives of children who need support the most. With spring offering a fresh start, there's no better time to get involved. From providing a listening ear to fostering a sense of stability for a child in need, your time and care can leave a lasting imprint.

We welcome volunteers of all skills and backgrounds—whether you're interested in becoming an advocate, assisting with events, or providing administrative support. Every effort, big or small, has a profound impact.

Together, we can help ensure that every child in foster care has a brighter tomorrow. Join us this spring, and let's make a difference together.

If you're ready to get involved or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at 337.239.1970 or 337.462.4667 or visit Home : CASA West CenLA.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to welcoming you to our team of dedicated volunteers!

~Tommy



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5k Color Run

2025

SATURDAY
MARCH
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LATE
 REGISTRATION
7:30 AM
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 START TIME
8:30 AM

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**HISTORIC
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\$30 REGISTRATION FEE

T-shirts and participation medals will be given to all registered participants, with prizes awarded to the:

- 1st Place Male
- 1st Place Female
- 1st Place Over 60 Years Old
- 1st Place Child Under 12 Years Old

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY



Please note: Any registration received after March 14th will not be guaranteed their preferred shirt size. Extra sizes will be available on date of event for those who register after March 14th. Late registration begins in-person at 7:30 am on date of event and is \$30 cash only. Per City of DeRidder policy, no dogs are allowed on or off leash at the 5K event.

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SUPERVISOR *TIPS*

- **Contact your supervisor at least once a month**
 - This allows updates for both parties
- **Visit your CASA child at least once Face to Face monthly**
 - Phone calls between visits helps build that trust
- **Contact DCFS caseworker at least once a month**
 - This also allows updates for both parties
- **Document ALL contacts and activities**
 - If not documented - it did not happen
- **Be objective and unbiased**
 - This allows better communications
- **Be on Time**
 - Not documented - Did not happen

TRAINING AT CASA

- In-Service (for existing volunteers)
 - Occurs Monthly - see the calendar
- Pre-Service (for incoming volunteers)
 - January, March, May, and September
- Current Pre-Service for incoming volunteers
 - March 11, 2025 - Orientation
- Next Pre-Service Class
 - May 13, 2025 - Orientation
- For more information:
 - Contact one of our offices
- CASA needs you!
 - The children need you!

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		CASA Pre-Service Orientation 5:30pm DeRidder				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		CASA Pre-Service Session 1 5:30pm DeRidder		CASA In-Service 5:30pm DeRidder		4th Annual CASA 5K Color Run 8:30am DeRidder
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		CASA Pre-Service Session 2 5:30pm DeRidder				
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
						Please Note: Pre-Service Dates May Change

April 2025

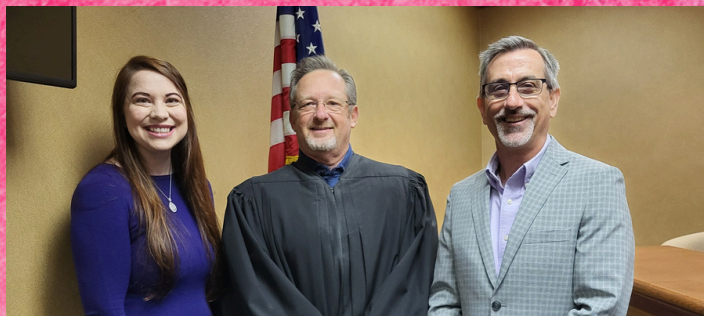
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Please Note: Pre-Service Dates May Change		CASA Pre-Service Session 3 5:30pm DeRidder	Vernon Parish Police Jury Pinwheel Planting 10am	DeRidder Veteran Park Pinwheel Planting 1pm		
	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Town of Simpson Pinwheel Planting & Proclamation 6pm	CASA Pre-Service Session 4 5:30pm DeRidder	Town of Hornbeck Pinwheel Planting 6pm	Gallery111 11am DeRidder Library 1pm Pinwheel Plantings	Town of New Llano & Beauregard Parish Police Jury Both at 1pm Pinwheel Planting	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	City of Leesville 3pm Town of Anacoco 6pm Pinwheel Planting & Proclamation	CASA Pre-Service Session 5 5:30pm DeRidder		CASA Advocate Appreciation Dinner 5:30pm Location TBD		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter						
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				Still to schedule:	Vernon DCFS Beauregard DCFS Town of Rosepine KJAE Beauregard and Vernon Parish School Boards Beauregard Health Systems	

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3/11/2025*



Thank you Judge Tony Bennett!

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Board Member Spotlight



Tiffany Johnson