



Start the New Year off right

With CONTINUING ED hours!

In 2025 we plan to bring our Advocates MANY new training opportunities starting with a Lunch & Learn. Join us on January 10th from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (lunch will be provided), training will begin at noon. During this class we will go over Optima and its MANY benefits.

2025 Pre-Service Training Dates:

We have 5 Pre-Service Training sessions scheduled for this coming year!

If someone you know is interested in becoming a CASA please send them our way.

- Session 1 - begins on January 21st
- Session 2 - begins on February 18th
- Session 3 - begins on May 27th
- Session 4 - begins on September 2nd
- Session 5 - begins on October 14th
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Remember, current Advocates are welcome to sit in on any PST class for Continuing Ed hours!



Check it
Out!!



We were greatly blessed during the holiday season by some local solar companies! They took the initiative to stock our ADVOCATE LIBRARY!

These resources are for all advocates to use with their CASA kids and can be given to the children at the end of your visits.

Stop by today and see what we have for YOU!

Here are the grants we have been awarded so far:

Texas New Mexico Power: \$8900 - For Pre-Service Training materials, outside training for Advocates and the community, training registration fees for staff, Board Members and Advocates, and other training expenses

Smith Grant: \$3800 - For marketing materials and printing services

Gaines Grant: \$3800 - For our Advocate Library (books, games, and items for advocates to share with our children) & Specific Assistance for our children (buying shoes, paying for extra curricular activities, etc.)

Thank you to our supporters!



Upcoming CASA Events:

- ~**Jan 1st** - New Years Day
CASA Office & Courts closed
- ~**Jan 3rd** - Coffee w/ CASA
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM @ the CASA Office
- ~**Jan 9th** - CASA Board Meeting
5:30 PM @ the CASA Office
- ~**Jan 10th** - Lunch & Learn
Optima Training
- ~**Jan 20th** - MLK Day
CASA Office & Courts closed
- ~**Jan 21st** - Pre-Service Training Begins
1 PM - 5 PM @ the CASA Office
- ~**Feb 7th** - Coffee w/ CASA
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM @ the CASA Office
- ~**Feb 14th** - Lunch & Learn
CFE Training

Are you looking for other community events happening this month?
[Click here!](#)

A Note from the ED:

Happy 2025 Advocates and Friends! 

It is hard to believe that another year has passed us by. The year 2024 was a fantastic year for CASA of Hill County. It was in part due to our amazing Advocates and Friends of CASA. Our advocates spent well over 1600 hours serving our children and drove over 23,500 miles! Our Friends of CASA helped us fundraise, host exciting events, and gave our kids a fantastic Christmas. Thank you doesn't seem like enough to express how truly grateful I feel for such support from our Hill County community and beyond!

I cannot wait to see how the community continues to bless these children in 2025!

-Sarah Gardner, LMSW

Advocate of the Month:

Connie Drake

Connie has a heart for our children and also goes above and beyond to encourage the parents. Even when reunification wasn't possible she still held a special place in her heart for a struggling mom.

"I want to be of service to my community. As a retired teacher, being able to make a difference in the lives of children in my community is a perfect fit for me."

