



**June 2022
NEWSLETTER**



***“The imprint of a father remains forever
on the life of the child.”***

~ Roy Lessin

Happy Father's Day to all the dads and father figures in our community

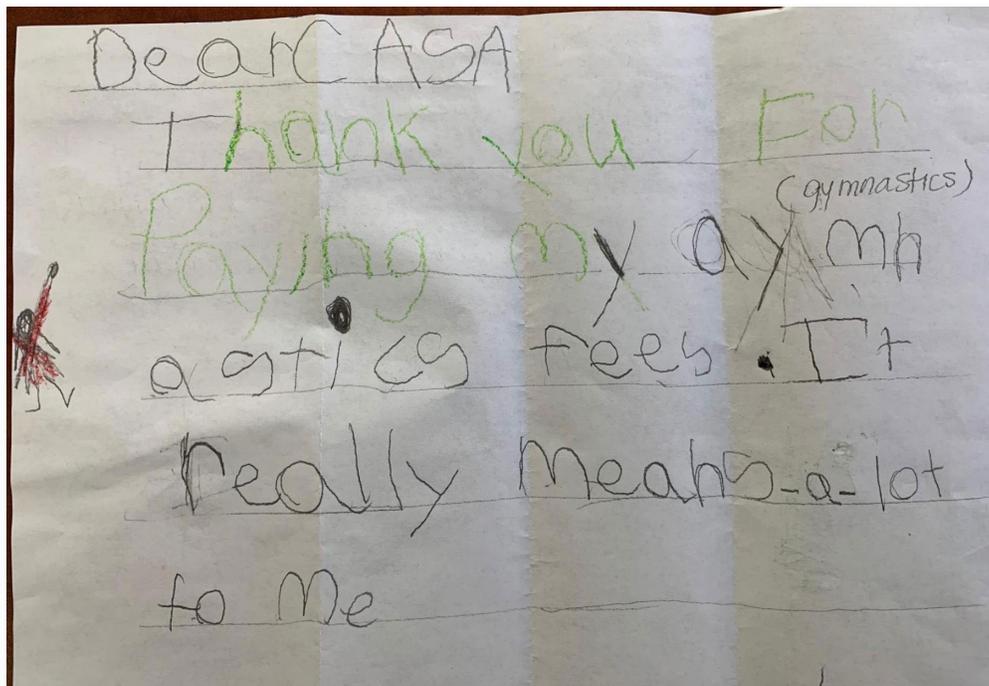


A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARINA BERNHEIMER

As we approach summer, many of us reflect on memories of carefree days spent roaming neighborhoods with friends, lounging by swimming pools, and vacations to lakes and beaches. Here at Child Advocates, we know that for many children, summer is a challenging time when kids lose the supports and structure offered by school, including healthy lunches, supervision, and programs that enhance development, provide enrichment, and promote self-esteem. Children that are limited by social, economic, and physical environments during summer months are at higher risk for academic, health, social and emotional challenges.

Child Advocates staff and volunteers work hard to ensure that all children in Nevada County have opportunities for enrichment and fun during summer months. Healthy Babies Home Visitors provide referrals to educate parents about free and low cost community resources and activities so that families and kids can access things like crafts, healthy lunches, library activities, free concerts, and more. CASA staff and volunteers provide transportation and funds for summer camps, swim lessons, sports and gymnastics so that youth in foster care have opportunities for enrichment, fun and healthy activities all summer long.

A hearty thanks to our donors and volunteers that provide funding and support so that all kids in Nevada County can access healthy, safe and engaging activities this summer.



Child Advocates' Healthy Babies Program Supports New Parents and their Babies



Research shows that play for babies impacts cognitive development, social and emotional development, and language development in essential ways.

The Healthy Babies home visitors help new parents support the healthy development of their baby through the discussion and demonstration of the use of toys and books.

Discussions with new parents about the benefits of reading to their baby, play, and the use of toys for sensory development activities help to promote parent-child interactions. Discussions also include the types of books that are developmentally appropriate, helping the parent to understand their baby's

developmental abilities at various stages of growth. Home visitors also advocate for parents to create toys and activities using simple items and objects inside their homes, such as making shakers from containers, forts with pillows and blankets, matching lids to containers, and so forth.

Studies also show that art activities (painting, chalk, crayons) stimulate brain development, and playdough and water play stimulate sensory and motor skills development. These activities are especially good for pre-school-age children.

Most importantly, the toys, books, and activities support their child's development in all the developmental domains, such as language, fine motor, large motor, problem-solving, and social and emotional areas.

This education for new parents is one of the ways in which home visitors promote healthy, safe, nurturing homes for babies and toddlers in Nevada County.

May 14th we celebrated foster families!



Child Advocates' CASA Program had a wonderful turnout at their booth at the "Raise Them Up" Discovery Fair and Appreciation Lunch in the Twin Cities Church parking lot last month. Honoring foster families in Nevada County was a pleasure for CASA staff, who connect with them throughout the year as we advocate for children in foster care.



Prizes for sinking the toilet paper in the bowl were tootsie rolls, whoopi cushions and lemonade in clear specimen cups!



Child Advocates thanks the Briar Patch Food Co-Op for featuring our agency for customers to round up purchases in the month of May as a donation to our programs. Your ongoing generosity to Child Advocates reminds us that our community is built on a collaboration of caring and trust.

Thankful for the Positive Childhood Experience! (PCE)

Thank you Noel Brownell, owner of the Tour of Nevada City Bicycle shop, who donated bicycles for our CASA children.

Below is CASA Lucy Campbell taking delivery to a very excited and thankful 6 year old who will fly with the wind in his face and not another care in the world at that moment.



Celebrating Juneteenth

Child Advocates of Nevada County added Monday June 20 as an official agency holiday to commemorate Juneteenth.

Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed, a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. The army announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved black people in the state, were free by executive decree. This day came to be known as “Juneteenth,” by the newly freed people in Texas. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States.

On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday.

Child Advocates is very pleased to honor this important day in American history. Please join us in celebrating freedom for all Americans.



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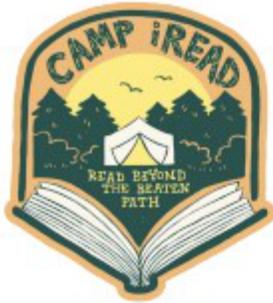
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If you'd like to help us continue to provide summer enrichment opportunities to our
CASA children,

click the link below, scroll down to the donate button and please note that it is for the
CASA activity fund. Thank you!

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Summer Activities at our local libraries for all children!



Summer Learning 2022

June 13-August 13

Hey there, camper! Are you ready for a summer adventure?

Sign up at any branch starting June 13th. Kids and teens receive a free book to kick-start the reading challenge!

Turn in your completed reading log by August 13th for entry in a prize drawing. Kids and teens receive a free ride ticket for the Nevada County Fair.

No library card required, and all events are free!

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Kick-Off Party at Madelyn Helling

Wednesday, June 22 | 4-6pm
Let's kick off our summer challenge with a great party featuring music by Buffalo Gals and entertainment by Izzi Tooinsky!

Watershed Investigations with SYRCL

ages 8-12
Penn Valley - 6/24 @ 1pm
Bear River - 6/28 @ 1pm
Grass Valley - 7/19 @ 1pm
Madelyn Helling - 7/26 @ 1pm

Izzi Tooinsky

Penn Valley - 6/29 @ 1pm
Grass Valley - 7/2 @ 1pm
Madelyn Helling - 7/9 @ 1pm
Bear River - 7/23 @ 1pm
Truckee - 7/28 @ 4pm

Wild Things Wildlife Rescue Program

Grass Valley - 6/24 @ 11am
Madelyn Helling - 6/24 @ 1pm
Truckee - 7/14 @ 4pm

Musical Mondays with InConcert Sierra

Madelyn Helling
June 13-July 25 @ 11am
no performance on July 4

NorCal Bats

Madelyn Helling - 6/30 @ 1pm
Truckee - 6/30 @ 4pm
Penn Valley - 7/29 @ 11am
Grass Valley - 7/29 @ 1pm

West Coast Falconry

different birds at each branch!
Penn Valley - 6/21 @ 11am
Grass Valley - 6/29 @ 11am
Bear River - 7/6 @ 1pm
Madelyn Helling - 7/13 @ 11am
Truckee - 7/21 @ 11am

Finale Party at Grass Valley

Saturday, August 6 | 1-3pm
Celebrate the end of another fun summer with activities, music, and tasty treats!

Lunch @ the Library

Free lunches available for kids and teens at your local branch June 13 - July 29

Grass Valley, Madelyn Helling, and Penn Valley
Monday - Friday @ 12:00

Bear River
Tuesdays/Wednesdays @ 12:00

Truckee - please call
530-582-7846 for information

Try BEANSTACK!



Record your reading online this summer with the Beanstack app! Register, track activities, and enter for prizes — all from your phone! Scan the QR code to start.

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Musical Mondays

Mini-concerts for all ages!

The series features



local and regional musicians highlighting a variety of instruments and sounds for people of all ages to enjoy.

EVERY MONDAY

June 13-July 25 2022

11:00am-12pm (excluding the 4th of July)

Madelyn Helling Library Amphitheater

980 Helling Way, Nevada City

Featuring local musicians; bring a chair or blanket

JUNE 13 **Beaucoup Chapeaux**

JUNE 20 **Brass Valley 5**

JUNE 27 **Trio Toccata**

JULY 11 **Western Songbirds**

JULY 18 **Anne Merdinger, harp**

JULY 25 **WindJammers**

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

For more information visit www.InConcertSierra.org

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