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Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mendocino & Lake Counties

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CASA Educational Rights

Limiting Educational Rights of Parent(s)

If there ever is a situation where the parents are unavailable or incapable of exercising educational rights, the juvenile court must take action. This can include limiting educational rights of the parents (in whole, or in part). If the court does limit the educational rights, then it must appoint a responsible adult (using a JV-535 form).

Why appoint a CASA?

CASA volunteers are often considered as educational rights holders. The law states that when either the juvenile court or the school district appoints an educational rights holder, both must consider appointing either the caregiver or CASA (if he or she was willing to serve).

[Read More about Educational Rights](#)

⌚ The CASA Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 11:30am at the CASA office.

⌚ The Mendocino Co. Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission meets monthly on the 3rd Friday noon to 2 p.m. at the Probation Dept. conference room, 589 Low Gap Road, Ukiah.

⌚ The Lake Co. Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at noon, conference room C, on the 3rd floor of the Lake County Courthouse, 255 N. Forbes St., Lakeport.

Call 463-6503, visit us at www.mendocinocasa.org or find us on [Facebook](#) for more information about the many ways to VOLUNTEER with CASA of Mendocino & Lake Counties.

Fresh eyes to help foster children

By [Joanna Weiss](#), Globe Columnist, 2-16-2014

IF I WERE a kid in the foster care system, I'd want someone like Charles Lerner on my side.



For one thing, he gets it: Growing up in Florida, he lived in seven foster homes by the time he was four. Now he has degrees in psychology and family therapy, and a job devoted to giving kids a voice. He heads the Boston office of CASA—a volunteer group that represents kids' interest in those wrenching child-custody cases.

[Fresh Eyes](#)

“CASA of Mendocino & Lake Counties trains and supports caring adult volunteer mentors and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to connect and advocate for foster youth, former foster youth, delinquent and at-risk youth.”

Foster Children: Social Worker: Visits SB 342 Approved by the Governor October 13, 2013

Existing law requires the social worker to visit the youth every month. This bill adds the requirement that the visits be in the home the child lives, such that no more than two consecutive monthly visits happen outside the child's home.

If a visit does not occur in the home of the child, the social worker or probation officer must document in the case file and in the court report the location of the visit and the reason for the visit occurring outside the home.

Requires the social worker or probation officer to advise the foster child of the right to request a private (i.e. not in the presence or immediate vicinity of the caregiver or group home staff) discussion outside the group home or foster home.

[SB 342](#)

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Prom Dress Drive 2014 is Underway

The prom is something millions of high school girls look forward to every year and is a rite of passage for many. However, prom dresses are very expensive; costing \$250 or more apiece. Many families simply can't afford this. You can help by supporting the Arbor on Main's Youth Resource Center and Ukiah High School's Leadership Class 2014 PROM DRESS DRIVE. Gently used formal gowns, cocktail dresses, formal shoes, fashion jewelry, and unopened makeup (samples are perfect) are needed to give local girls a chance at the perfect prom. Drop off your donation by April 18th to either: The Arbor on Main at 303 N. Main St.



Or
Ukiah High School at 1000 Low Gap Rd., Room B-3.

Call 707-468-5536 or text Stephanie at 707-621-0026 for more information.

Pretty for Prom is the dress shopping event, which will take place April 24, 2014 at the Arbor on Main.