

APRIL 2023

CASA CORNER



UPCOMING COURT DATES

IBERIA PARISH

April 12, 2023

ST. MARTIN PARISH

April 24, 2023

ST. MARY PARISH

April 04, 2023

THANK YOU to all our Gala attendees!

We always enjoy spending time with our fellow community members. Celebrating our annual accomplishments and goals for the upcoming year just wouldn't be the same without our superhero Advocates, amazing Sponsors, and wonderful CASA supporters by our side. You encourage the hope we love to give not only to the children in our care, but to CASA of the 16th JDC's future too!

CASA BIRTHDAYS

Dru Gros - Apr 5

Alta David - Apr 11

Michaela Davis - Apr 28

Walter Thib., Jr. - Apr 30

CASA Easter Baskets

CASA of the 16th JDC, Inc. is in need of 15-20 Easter baskets or basket items (toys, coloring books, candy, etc.) for our CASA children! Baskets and basket goodies can be dropped off at **121 W. Pershing St. Suite #226, New Iberia, LA 70560** between **8AM-3PM**.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

In the 2021 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), there were a reported **588,229 victims** of child abuse and neglect in the U.S. **6,422 of these reports** happened in Louisiana, and of these 6,422 children, **2,476 were under the age of 1 year**. A nationally estimated **1,820 children** died from abuse and neglect. 27.8% of victims are in the age range of birth through 2 years old. The victimization rate is highest for children younger than 1 year at **25.3 per 1,000 children** in the population of the same age, making it more than **double** the rate of victims who are 1 year old.

Risk factors are characteristics of a child or caregiver that may increase the likelihood of child maltreatment. The FFY 2021 data shows 90.6% of victims are maltreated by one or both parents. For FFY 2021, data are analyzed for caregiver risk factors with the following the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System's (NCANDS) definitions:

- **Alcohol abuse (caregiver):** The compulsive use of alcohol that is not of a temporary nature.
- **Domestic Violence:** Any abusive, violent, coercive, forceful, or threatening act or word inflicted by one member of a family or household on another. In NCANDS, the caregiver may be the perpetrator or the victim of the domestic violence.
- **Drug abuse (caregiver):** The compulsive use of drugs that is not of a temporary nature.
- **Financial Problem:** A risk factor related to the family's inability to provide sufficient financial resources to meet minimum needs.
- **Inadequate Housing:** A risk factor related to substandard, overcrowded, or unsafe housing conditions, including homelessness.
- **Public Assistance:** A risk factor related the family's participation in social services programs, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; General Assistance; Medicaid; Social Security Income; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); etc.
- **Any Caregiver Disability:** This category counts a victim with any of the six disability caregiver risk factors—Intellectual Disability, Emotional Disturbance, Visual or Hearing Impairment, Learning Disability, Physical Disability, and Other Medical Condition.

The largest percentages of victims with caregiver risk factors are those reported with domestic violence and drug abuse. In 41 reporting states, **116,006 victims** (26.1%) have the drug abuse caregiver risk factor and in 36 reporting states, **115,630 victims** (28.2%) have the domestic violence caregiver factor.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE ON THE 2021 FFY CHILD ABUSE AND
NEGLECT DATA, PREVENTION, AND SERVICES](#)

Thank you!



For the month of April, **Amelia Belle Casino** will be holding an Ice Bucket Challenge among their staff! Staff votes are counted through monetary donations (\$1 = 1 vote) and profits will be donated to CASA of the 16th JDC, Inc!

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