

CASA of
Kay & Noble Counties'



January 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The year 2011 brought us many changes. Hopefully, we are adjusting to the various differences in our court environment. I confess I am still trying to make the needed adjustments.

I am so proud of each of you who have "braved" the new courtroom and different personnel to advocate for abused children.

As we begin a new year, we are encountering changes at CASA of Kay & Noble Counties. It is with sadness that I must report that Jeremy Jones

concluded his work as Advocate Coordinator for CASA of Kay & Noble Counties on December 30, 2011. He is leaving this position to concentrate on completing his college degree and to spend more time with his family.

Jeremy began with us in August of 2005 and has become a true asset to our program. His multitude of talents will be greatly missed. Although he will continue to help with periodic "tech" projects and compiling publications such as the Newsflash, he will no longer be available in the office.

I know each of you will join me in wishing him well in his endeavors and for success in whatever the future holds for him.

In my head I know that change happens whether we like it or not. Yet, it is quite unsettling. Seeking solace for this feeling, I turned to my favorite famous quote page. Truthfully, it was not a whole lot of comfort. All the quotes seemed to say, "change is an important given, suck it up and get going!"

Sharon Clark
CASA Program Director

P.S. Please read the next page about an additional change.

"Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely." – Karen Kaiser Clark

Our mission is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children by providing quality volunteer advocates who work toward a safe, permanent home as soon as possible for each child.

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More Changes . . .

Starting with the January 12th court dockets, **all hearings are scheduled at 9 am.** The hearings will not be separated into different dockets.

It is very important to be on time. **Please check in with CASA staff at Courtroom C by at least 8:45 am.**

During this time where Sharon will be managing the office on her own, it is strongly advised to call ahead before dropping by. Please leave a message on the voice mail or call my cell phone 580-761-3457.

Web-Learning Link

Topic: [Working with People Living in Generational Poverty](#)

Link: http://www.multicsd.org/doku.php?id=generational_poverty

Credit: 1 CEC

Complete a Continuing Education Tracking form for training credit, available at the CASA office. Are you computer-free or less-than tech savvy? Just contact the CASA office & we'll make any of the Web-Learning Links available to you at our office, or by mail.

Check out our new website!

Our CASA program has a new home on the web! We have upgraded to a new website package that gives us greater flexibility and capability to keep up with an increasingly digital age. One of the most exciting new items available to our CASA program is the ability to accept secure online donations to CASA by credit card. Check it out! The look is new, but the name is the same...

www.kaynoblecasa.org

CASA is central to fulfilling society's most fundamental obligation by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the security of a loving family.

Send me more information about CASA!

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Thank you! We'll be in touch!

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Norris Frederick



January 6th

Diana Vaughan



January 15th

“And in the end, it’s not the years in your life that count, it’s the life in your years”

-Abraham Lincoln



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The Language of Flowers: A Novel

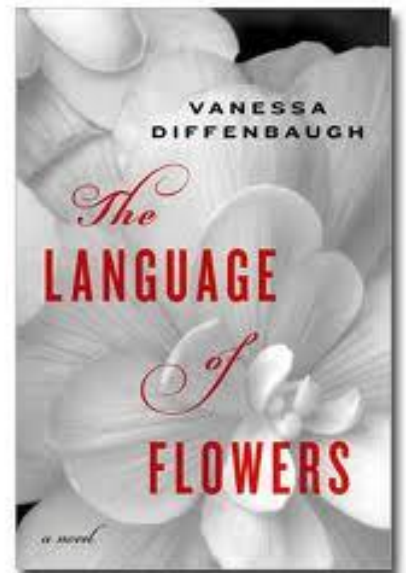
By Vanessa Diffenbaugh

The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it’s been more useful in communicating grief, mistrust, and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings.

Now eighteen and emancipated from the system, Victoria has nowhere to go and sleeps in a public park, where she plants a small garden of her own. Soon a local florist discovers her talents, and Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But a mysterious vendor at the flower market has her questioning what’s been missing in her life, and when she’s forced to confront a painful secret from her past, she must decide whether it’s worth risking everything for a second chance at happiness.

Learn more about The Language of Flowers at [Amazon](#) or at [Brace Books & More](#)

[Hear about the book from the author by clicking here.](#)



Remember, you can earn 2 CEC’s by reading this book.!

Case Review Court Dockets

Juvenile Deprived Court proceedings are now held on Thursdays in Courtroom C on the 3rd floor of the Kay Co. courthouse. All hearings are now scheduled for the 9 am Please check-in with CASA staff in Courtroom C by 8:45am.

CASA Volunteer	Court Report is Due by:	Court Review Date
C. Baker C. Janda L. Morin L. Sherrill	Monday January 16, 2012	Thursday January 26th



Congratulations to Myrlene McArthur!

Myrlene won the January prize drawing...a 6 piece Photo Frame Desk Set! How do you win? Just turn in your Monthly Activity Report by the middle of the month to be automatically entered to win the monthly prize.

Do you have your 2012 calendar yet?

The 2012 National CASA "More Than Words" Calendar is available for purchase! As a member CASA program, we were able to secure these calendars at a discounted rate, and we are offering our volunteers the opportunity to purchase these calendars from us "at cost" for just

\$9



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