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Staying in touch with CASA/GAL volunteers

Despite our best intentions, it has proved difficult to stay in touch by our newsletter, *The Voice*. We need to do a better job of communicating important information to you in a timely manner and, hopefully, lessen the number of E-mails you receive from the CASA/GAL Office. To that end we will be sending CASA E-Grams as needed.



*Note: E-mail notifications of Hearings, Mediations, LCCS Staffings, Ad Reviews, CRB/Closure Board appearances, etc. will continue to be sent separately.

The Juvenile Court will cut 5 to 6% from their 2009 budget- that equals 1.1 million dollars in cuts! Every department is looking for ways to save \$\$. Due to the volume of paperwork processed in our departments, postage is a costly line item. Given that, the CASA Office is committed to sending E-mail to both CASA/GAL volunteers and Attorney/GAL whenever possible. Please be conscientious about checking your E-mail often and regularly. Critical information to the work you do as GALs will be sent via E-mail and CASA E-Grams. It is the Court's expectation that all persons with E-mail will check it on a daily basis.

CASA/GAL CeCe Norwood publishes book



CeCe Norwood, MA;

CeCe Norwood (CASA class of 2007) is an active CASA. CeCe earned her B.S. in criminal justice and her M.A. in rehabilitation counseling. CeCe has extensive experience in the the child welfare arena including work in a juvenile residential facility, a domestic violence shelter for women and children, as a counselor for women who are sexual abuse survivors and as an independent living trainer for teens. Currently CeCe is self-employed as a child welfare trainer and consultant. CeCe has done domestic violence training for CASA/GAL and received excellent reviews!

CeCe's book is titled, <u>There IS happiness After Incest and Child Sexual Abuse</u>, and is available at area bookstores and online. The CASA Office also has a copy that is available to check out. Judy Leb read it and gave it a glowing review. Congratulations CeCe!