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THE NEWS

CASA of West CenLA



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WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness and take action to protect the most vulnerable members of our community—our children. This month, we come together to remind everyone that prevention is possible, and we all have a role to play in ensuring children are safe, loved, and supported.

At CASA of West CenLA, we are committed to advocating for the best interest of children, and we are excited to invite you to participate in our Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. Pinwheels symbolize the bright future every child deserves. We will be planting pinwheels throughout the community to raise awareness and spark conversations about the importance of child abuse prevention. For information on dates, locations and times, please visit our Facebook page or the agency website.

I encourage you to join us in this effort, whether by planting a pinwheel or spreading the message of hope and protection. Together, we can create a safer world for our children.

Thank you for your support in this important cause.



-Tommy



THANK YOU for a Colorful Success!

What an incredible day at our 5K Color Run! The energy, the laughter, and all those COLORFUL smiles made this event truly special!

A HUGE shoutout to our amazing sponsors—your generosity and support make events like this possible. Because of you, we can continue making a difference for kids in our community.

To every runner, volunteer, and supporter—you brought the good vibes, and we are so grateful! Whether you ran, walked, or cheered from the sidelines, YOU made today unforgettable.

On behalf of every volunteer, board member, and staff member, we would like to shout out a huge thank you to everyone who made the 5K Color Run such a success! We appreciate all the participants, volunteers, and sponsors who helped bring this event to life. Your energy, support, and enthusiasm made it an unforgettable day. Thank you!

Let's keep spreading kindness, joy, and of course, a little more color in the world!

































Beauregard Health System Beauregard Federal Savings Bank Bobbye Nothnagel Brittany Smith Insurance Candice Hodges First National Bank

Eustis Mortgage LandMark Title M.K. & Geeta Dokwal Pavan & Amina Dokwal Renea' & Aubree Sabine State Bank Tommy & Alisa

CASA of West CenLA would like to send a special shout out to BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) and their president, Sgt. Otemai, for all their hard work helping us at the 5K Color Run.





Sign-In





Ready!



Set!

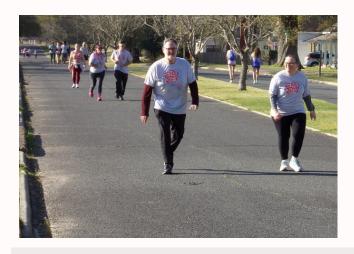


Go!









Here they come!











The Winners Are...









WHAT DO PINWHEELS REPRESENT?

HISTORY:

Blue pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse prevention, introduced by Prevent Child Abuse America in 2008, representing the bright, happy childhoods every child deserves and the collective effort needed to ensure safe and supportive environments.

SYMBOL OF PREVENTION:

The pinwheel, with its inherent playfulness and joy, serves as a visual reminder of the positive childhoods we strive to create for **all** children.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH:

During April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, blue pinwheels are displayed to raise awareness and encourage community involvement in preventing child abuse and neglect.

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA:

Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA) is the organization that introduced the pinwheel as the national symbol and continues to promote the "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign.

POSITIVE CYCLES:

The cyclical nature of the pinwheel symbolizes the positive cycles of love and support that families should foster, and the efforts to create communities where children can thrive.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

The pinwheel campaign encourages individuals, organizations, and businesses to take action in their communities to prevent child abuse and neglect.



PINWHEEL PLANTINGS

in Our Communities

CASA of West CenLA Pinwheel Planting Dates

Beauregard Health Systems

4/1/2025 1:30pm

Vernon Parish Police Jury

4/2/2025 10am

Beauregard Parish School Board

4/3/2025

10am

DeRidder Veteran's Park

4/3/2025

1pm

Vernon Parish DCFS

4/3/2025 3:30pm

Vernon Parish School Board

4/4/2025

1pm

Simpson Town Hall

4/7/2025

6pm

Byrd Hospital

4/8/2025

1pm

Hornbeck Town Hall

4/9/2025

1pm

KJAE

4/10/2025

9:30am

Gallery111

4/10/2025

11am

Beauregard Main Library

4/10/2025

1pm

New Llano Town Hall

4/11/2025

1pm

Beauregard Parish Police Jury

4/11/2025

1pm

Leesville City Hall

4/14/2025

3pm

Anacoco Town Hall

4/14/2025

6pm

Rosepine Town Hall

4/15/2025

11an

Beauregard Parish DCFS

4/16/2025

9:30am



SUPERVISOR TIPS - ADVOCACY SKILLS

Prepare and Plan:

- Be prepared: Know what information you want to gather and be prepared with questions.
- Gather Information: Collect relevant documents, records, and information

Communicate Effectively:

- Be Clear and Concise: Open ended questions rather than closed ended. This allows for better communication.
- Listen Actively: Pay attention to what others are saying and respond thoughtfully.

Take Action and Follow Through:

- Document Everything: Document conversations in OPTIMA and get copies of pertinent documentation.
- Follow Up: Ensure that you follow up if you say you will, and follow up with others that have not followed with you.
- Learn from Experience: Reflect on your advocacy experiences and identify areas for improvement.



- Pre-Service Training training for community members to become new advocates.
 - Our next pre-service training class begins May 13, 2025. For more information contact one of our offices or scan our OR Code. below.
 - Our pre-service training classes begin in January, March, May, and September every year.



- In-Service Training training for current advocates to meet their 12 hour continuing education hours
 - Our next in-service training for current advocates will be 4/17/2025 with the location to be determined.

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Upcommunity EVENTS

Vernon Parish



APR 5, 2025 TO APR 5, 2025 ALL HOURS FITNESS 1000 S. 3RD STREET LEESVILLE, LA71446

> APR 2, 2025 TO APR 2, 2025 RIDERS ON THE ORPHAN TRAIN VERNON PARISH LIBRARY 1401 NOLAN TRACE LEESVILLE, LA71446







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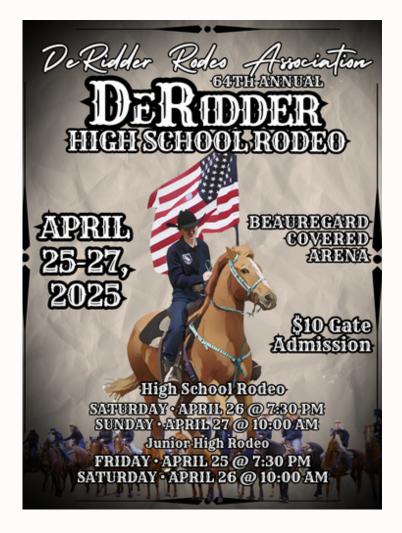
Beauregard Parish

Positive ways to impact your health with

School Nurse

Wed., April 16th







SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers



Kellie Sworn in 3/21/2025



Brendon Sworn in 3/21/2025



Stacy Sworn in 3/21/2025



Thank you Judge C. Anthony Eaves!

SPOTLIGHT

Staff Member



Welcome Our Newest Staff Member Victoria Trainer/ Community Engagement



SPOTLIGHT

Board Member



Renea'
Board Treasurer

