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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

KJAE

4/10/2025

9:30am

Vernon Parish Police Jury

4/2/2025

10am

Gallery111

4/10/2025

11am

Beauregard Parish School Board

4/3/2025

10am

Beauregard Main Library

4/10/2025

1pm

DeRidder Veteran's Park

4/3/2025

1pm

New Llano Town Hall

4/11/2025

1pm

Vernon Parish DCFS

4/3/2025

3:30pm

Beauregard Parish Police Jury

4/11/2025

1pm

Vernon Parish School Board

4/4/2025

1pm

Leesville City Hall

4/14/2025

3pm

Simpson Town Hall

4/7/2025

6pm

Anacoco Town Hall

4/14/2025

6pm

Byrd Hospital

4/8/2025

1pm

Rosepine Town Hall

4/15/2025

11am

Hornbeck Town Hall

4/9/2025

1pm

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.

TRAINING

- 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 QR 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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Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Vernon Parish



PHIL LANCASTER
&
ALISON MOORE

APR 5, 2025 TO APR 5, 2025

ALL HOURS FITNESS

1000 S. 3RD STREET

LEESVILLE, LA 71446

APR 2, 2025 TO APR 2, 2025
RIDERS ON THE ORPHAN TRAIN
VERNON PARISH LIBRARY
1401 NOLAN TRACE
LEESVILLE, LA 71446

ART OF THE EAT 3

FUNDRAISER FOR THE LEESVILLE ART PARK

"Cochon de lait"

GALLERY ONE ELEVEN

SATURDAY APRIL 26 2025 5:00 PM

IN THE LEESVILLE MAIN STREET DISTRICT

On-site Suckling Pig on a Spit / Fried Catfish

Live Music - Adult Beverages

Art Auction

25.00 per person presale 30.00 at the door on 4/26

Artist Reception that evening in the gallery is FREE and open to the public.

Sponsored in part by

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LOUISIANA SEAFOOD

LouisianaSeafood.com

Catfish provided by

The Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board

Live music provided by a grant from the



April 19th

Polk Stage

5:00 pm

Casey Peveto

Band

SPRING

Music Festival

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Beauregard Parish

South Beauregard High

Positive ways
to impact
your health
with
small changes!

Wed., April 16th
SBHS Gym 8am-12pm

Vaping / Smoking Education

Transportation Safety

Dating Safety & Domestic Violence

Drug & Opioid Prevention

Mental Health

Reproductive Health & Teen Pregnancy

Cancer Screening Recommendations

Gun Safety & Traffic Stop Education

Human Trafficking & Online Safety

When to use an Urgent Care Vs. The ER

Suicide Prevention & Anxiety Mgmt.

Effects of Alcohol Use & Overdose

Food Safety / Illness Prevention

Eating Disorders & Positive Body Image

Voter Information

Nutrition

Financial Tips

Fire Safety

Infant Safe Sleep

WIC

Depression & Stress Management

Pregnancy Resources

Stop the Bleed

Vaccination Information

STD Prevention

Blood Pressure Checks

Car Buying Tips

Addiction Resources

Energy Drinks

Community Health Ways

Kingdom Center

Library Services

American Job Center

CPR & Choking Education

Underage Drinking

Hunter Safety

State Medicaid Information

Strength Training Benefits

Health & Wellness Fair

BSB
School Nurse

Beauregard Parish
Health Unit

De Ridder Rodeo Association
64TH ANNUAL
DeRIDDER
HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

APRIL 25-27, 2025

BEAUREGARD COVERED ARENA

\$10 Gate Admission

High School Rodeo
SATURDAY • APRIL 26 @ 7:30 PM
SUNDAY • APRIL 27 @ 10:00 AM

Junior High Rodeo
FRIDAY • APRIL 25 @ 7:30 PM
SATURDAY • APRIL 26 @ 10:00 AM

DUSTIN RAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH
5-8PM

WJ-Doug's
CAJUN CUISINE
1-337-725-4536
15976 HIGHWAY 171
RAGLEY, LA

WWW.DUSTINRAYMUSIC.COM

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

