



**CASA**

**Brief**

**August 2022**



Summer has been unusually busy here at Fairfax CASA, with an uptick in cases as we get ready for the usual increase in our caseload due to schools being back in session. We are so grateful to our volunteers who are ensuring that every child has a CASA.

Scroll down to learn our staff recommendations. Learn more about becoming a CASA by attending an information session. Join us at this year's Dennis Carluzzo invitational, a golf tournament benefitting CASA. And read the recommendations made to Congress by seven young adults who have first hand experience in foster care.



# Upcoming Information Sessions

As fall quickly approaches, the staff at Fairfax CASA looks forward to our upcoming fall training. The first step to becoming a CASA is to attend an information session and we have several scheduled through the fall. We are seeking a diverse pool of applicants to advocate for the children we serve. All sessions will be held virtually. Check out our website to learn more and email [volunteer@casafairfax.org](mailto:volunteer@casafairfax.org) to sign up.

[Learn More](#)



# 4th Annual Dennis Carluzzo Invitational

This October marks the fourth year of the annual Dennis Carluzzo Invitational. Dennis was a beloved Guardian ad litem for at risk youth in Northern Virginia. This tournament is held at the Stonewall Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia and benefits both CASA and the Prince William "Beat The Odds" foundation. Click below to learn more about this incredible fundraiser and for more information on how to sign up!

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## August Staff Recommendations

This month's staff recommendations include a documentary and two podcasts. Our staff here at Fairfax CASA is loving these new finds, so click below to check them out!

**Aftershock film** Following the deaths of two young women due to childbirth complications, two bereaved families galvanize activists, birth workers, and physicians to reckon with one of the most pressing American crises today: the US maternal health crisis.

[Now streaming on Hulu: Click here for more information.](#)

**How is that Legal? Breaking Down Systemic Racism One Law at a Time Podcast** From the Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, Host Kee Tobar and expert guests break down examples of systemic racism in law and policy. Noteworthy are the June 22 and June 29 episodes focusing on the child welfare system. Available on [Spotify](#) and [Apple](#) podcasts.

**Seen Out Loud Podcast** Host Matt Anderson engages in stories and conversations that recognize transformation of the U.S. foster care system starts with seeing families for who they truly are. Through deeply personal stories from families who've experienced the child welfare system, we understand the value of human connection in affecting change. And through conversations with leaders on the front lines of the family well-being movement, we see real possibilities for shaping a future where families are seen, engaged, and have what they need to thrive. Available [here](#)

# The Imprint



The Imprint is an independent daily news outlet focused on the nation's child welfare and youth justice systems. Since 2013, Imprint reporters have produced rigorous, in-depth reporting on the courts that process these children, youth and families; the agencies paid to serve them; and the housing, economic, mental health and educational issues they face. The Imprint is a publication of Fostering Media Connections (FMC), a nonprofit organization that uses the power of media and journalism to lead the conversation about children, youth and families in America.

The Imprint is highlighting each of the policy recommendations made this summer by the participants of the Foster Youth Internship Program, a group of seven former foster youth who have completed congressional internships.

The program is overseen each summer by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that raises awareness about the needs of children without families. Each of the participants crafted a policy recommendation during their time in Washington, D.C.

To read the Imprint's articles, click here: [Child Welfare Ideas from the Experts](#)

To read the full Congressional Report, click here: [Well Being in Action: Expanding Equitable Access to Comprehensive Supports for Foster Youth](#)