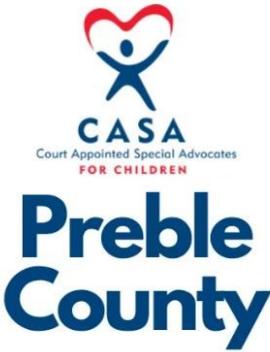


# MEMBER NEWS

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## Member Updates & Resources



### Are you the next CASA volunteer?

The Preble County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program — court-appointed special advocates for abused and neglected children – is conducting a volunteer pre-service training on Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 29 and ending Oct. 27. The training will be conducted through Google Classroom. Virtual meetings will occur on Tuesday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m.

“If you have been considering volunteering as a CASA, but didn’t think you had the time, now may be your perfect opportunity,” Mary Warrick, Director of Preble County CASA, said. “The completely virtual platform provides additional flexibility to complete the training.”

CASA volunteers are local, dedicated community members who advocate for children in the Preble County Juvenile Court, because the children have been removed from their parents due to abuse or neglect or otherwise necessitated Children Services’ involvement. As officers of the Court, the volunteers ensure that the children’s needs are recognized, and their best interests are considered.

The only prerequisites for becoming a CASA volunteer are being at least 21 years of age, clearing an extensive background screening and successfully completing necessary hours of training. Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a CASA volunteer or completing the training, should contact Debbie Huff at [debbie.prebcocasa@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.prebcocasa@gmail.com) or Mary Warrick at [prebcocasa@gmail.com](mailto:prebcocasa@gmail.com). More information may also be found by visiting [www.prebcocasa.org](http://www.prebcocasa.org) or by calling 937-456-2885.

**As of Sept. 10, 20 Preble County’s current CASA volunteers were serving 121 kids. Slightly more than half of the kids served are female. More than 2/3 of the kids served are age 4 or older.**

The Preble County CASA Program is a member of the Ohio CASA Association, the only statewide organization supporting all local CASA programs in Ohio. The Preble County CASA Program is also a part of the National CASA Association, a network of more than 900 CASA programs serving children in 49 states and Washington D.C.



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### Leadership PC accepting applications

Are you interested in sending an employee or yourself through the LPC program?

Applications are being accepted through Friday, Oct. 16, for the 2021-22 cohort. You can read more and download an application [HERE](#).

The Preble County Chamber of Commerce is excited for the fifth year of *Leadership Preble County* to kick off in November. As we finalize the current session, plans for kicking off the 2020-21 session are under way, with participants' safety top of mind. The mission of this program is to encourage, educate and stimulate individuals to become more familiar with, more interested in and engage in all facets of civic endeavor that affect the quality of life in Preble County. *Leadership Preble County* is a seven-month course designed to educate, train and encourage local Preble County professionals to take a leadership role in their communities. The students will meet each month for sessions covering topics such as Preble County History & Heritage, Business, Workforce and Economic Development, Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Local, County and State Government, Board Training, Public Safety and the Justice System, Quality of Life and Education.

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