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To all of our Douglas County CASA Partners,

The Board of Directors of Douglas County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is pleased to announce that Erick Vaughn has been chosen to serve as the program's new Executive Director effective July 29, 2019. Erick will replace CASA's long-time director, Diana Frederick, who retired on June 15, 2019.

For the past five years the demand for trained CASA volunteers to serve children in need of care in Douglas County has consistently outpaced the program's capacity, resulting in an average of 80 children waiting to be assigned a CASA at any given time. The Board of Directors is intent on growing the organization to serve those children. The Board is confident that Erick's energy, ambition, and proven commitment to improving the lives of the most vulnerable children in Kansas are aligned with that goal.

Erick was born and raised in Douglas County. His career began at SRS (now DCF) where he served children and families with mental health needs. Erick also served as the Executive Director of the Kansas Head Start Association where he provided leadership and development with strategic and operational planning and developed and improved programs and fund development initiatives. Recently, Erick worked as the Director of Strategic Initiatives at DCCCA, Inc. where he supported the agency and its individual departments and programs in new business development.

Erick earned Bachelor's Degrees in Psychology and Spanish with a minor in Computer Science from Baker University. He also earned a Master's Degree in Social Work with a concentration in social work advocacy and administrative practice from the University of Kansas. He has practiced administrative social work for over 10 years.

The Board plans to introduce Erick at our annual fundraising event, CASAblanca, which will be held at the Jayhawk Club on September 6, 2019. We invite you all to attend to help us welcome Erick. Additional information about CASAblanca can be found by visiting:
<https://dccasa.org/menus/casablanca-2019.html>.

Thank you for your continued partnership with CASA and for your patience during this transition.

Sincerely,

Julie Prideaux,
President, Board of Directors
Douglas County CASA, Inc.

