

Children & Youth Commission

Fall Meeting October 4, 2025

Department Headquarters

Meeting called to order 1000

Salute National Colors

Attendance:

Wade Hudson

David E. Johnson

Richard R Schomer Absent Excused

Mark Young Absent Excused

Christopher Schoo Temp Secretary

Sue Johnson ALA Chairman C&Y Guest

Visit from Department Sr Vice Celeste Latham and Membership Director Mike Monroe

Dave & Sue attended Children & Youth National Conference 9-27-2025 Indianapolis

Guest Speaker: Melanie Taylor ALA National Children & Youth Chairman

April is Children & Youth Month

April 15th is Purple Up for military children

American Legion Family Day: Last Saturday in April

Veteran and Military Family Recognition: Month of November

Youth Hero Award, Physical Acts of Valor, Good Deed Awards

Jr activities ALA patch program

Purple: Pre K to Kindergarten

Red: 1 -4

Gold: 5 – 8

Blue: 9 – 12

National Jr Meeting: November 15, Albany Minn, Jan 31 Feb 7 Atlanta

ALA Coloring books

Halloween Safety: Include your community, Trunk N Treat, Local Police and Fire, Booklets available

ALA Poppy Poster Contest June 1st

Military Child Ceremony

Guest Speaker: Jeff Trout, SAL National Chairman

VCF (addition) Veteran & Children Foundation

VCF Raised \$82,223 May 31, 2025, Raised \$115,000 at National Convention Tampa

CWF: Child Well-being Foundation, contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth.

COTA: Children Organ Transplant Association, President and CEO Rick Lofgren, 2501 W Cota Dr, Bloomington, In. 800-366-2682, www.cota.org, rick@cota.org

Cota Raised \$67,688 in 2025, 2.5 million raised to date. All donations to recipient.

TFA for active duty, TAL member.

ALA would like to include the family with their programs

We need to look at Churches and Schools for TAL programs

Dave is working on a flier for C&Y TAL programs detailing deadline dates, scholarships, costs etc.

Special Olympics Summer Games: June 12 – 13, 2026

Booklet: Children & Youth Department Chairman Program Guide. Being updated.

Booklet: The Whole Child 2025, Children & Youth Programs, available on web site, Advocacy, Youth Support

TFA: Temporary Financial Assistance, Newer claim form filled out completely, Minor child in home, must be used for child not car payments, etc. If not title 10 member (Active Duty) must be a legion member. Prior to home visit provide list of needed documents. Citizenship not required.

Youth Garden: Two years ago helping children how to plant, care for and harvest a garden.

Victory Garden: This years program, From WWII, Types of gardens, based on location, container gardens, Hydroponic gardens.

Youth Academy: Held at National conventions in Americanism

Two C&Y National Conference meetings at Indianapolis: Fall meeting last Saturday in September, Spring meeting first weekend in May.

Consolidated Post Reports (CPR): Due June 1st, The Department Chairman will receive new training at the next Spring Conference in Indianapolis.

July 4th: All service organizations get together for 250 Anniversary.

C&Y Post, District, and Division Chairman need to attend the Special Olympics Summer games. We need volunteers. This is a large project to complete. Thank you.

Meeting dismissed at 1205.

Children & Youth Commission Chairman

David E Johnson