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## **Child Sexual Abuse Awareness and Prevention with Sasha Joseph Neulinger**

**Ewing, NJ** - On April 26 at 7:00pm, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of Mercer and Burlington Counties will host a public presentation with Sasha Joseph Neulinger, actor, filmmaker and survivor of child sexual abuse at the College of New Jersey's Center for Community Engaged Learning and Research. Sasha is a national advocate for reforms in child abuse and child abuse prevention. Sasha's TED Talk on March 27, 2015, *Trauma is Irreversible. How It Shapes Us Is Our Choice* has been viewed over 170,000 times to date. Sasha Joseph Neulinger is a captivating speaker whose journey of healing and powerful testimonials is an inspiration to people around the world. The talk will be free of charge and will be followed by Question and Answers with the audience. This is one of several events sponsored by CASA during National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. For more information please visit <http://www.casamb.org> or email [mpenney@casamercer.org](mailto:mpenney@casamercer.org).

### **ABOUT CASA**

CASA's mission is to train and supervise community volunteers, appointed by the Family Court, to advocate for the best interests of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. Our dedicated volunteers strive to ensure the emotional, physical and educational well-being of these children while they reside in foster homes or residential facilities. The ultimate goal of our



volunteers is to help establish a safe, stable and permanent home for each child we serve. In Fiscal Year 2017, CASA served 352 children in Mercer and Burlington Counties with 258 trained volunteers. While this number represents an 11% increase over the prior year, there are still more than 1,300 children who are in foster care without a CASA to speak up in court for their best interests. Information sessions are held monthly at CASA's offices located in Ewing and Mount Holly, NJ. Please visit [www.casamb.org](http://www.casamb.org) to learn how you can speak up for a child in foster care.

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