

## Sioux Falls CASA's Movie Recommendations.

*Still need a few more in-service hours this year? One of our recommended films is a great way to take care of that. Below you will find a list of in-service appropriate titles and where you can stream them. Please note, the 'Where to stream' was accurate at the time of creating this document, some items may have changed since.*

### **6 Balloons**

A loyal sister struggles to stay afloat while driving her heroin-addicted brother to a detox center and looking after his 2-year-old daughter. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.25 hours

**Where to stream:** Netflix

### **All Rise: For the Good of the Children**

An in depth look into a trauma-informed courtroom in East Texas who are working to heal families in the child welfare system. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.25 hours

**Where to stream:** [Watch Here](#) (you'll be asked to enter in your email address and name, then the film will start)

### **At the Heart of Gold: Inside the USA Gymnastics Scandal**

A documentary about the sexual abuse within the USA gymnastics team. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.5 hours

**Where to stream:** Max, HULU & Prime (with Premium Subscriptions)

### **Black, White & Us**

Black, White & Us is a documentary that explores racism in America through the lives of four white families who adopt African American children and must overcome their own inherent biases to become advocates. Is there a way to fix our racial divide? These trans-racial adoptive families just might provide the answer.

[Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.25 hours

**Where to stream:** Prime

### **Closure**

A documentary about trans-racial adoption and the search for birth family and identity. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.25 hours

**Where to stream:** Prime

### **Florida Project**

A drama following a mother and daughter who are living in a budget motel in Orlando outside of Disney World. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 2 hours

**Where to stream:** Prime, iTunes, YouTube

## ***Foster: HBO Special***

A documentary about the foster care system, specifically in Los Angeles County. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 2 hours

**Where to stream:** Max (formerly HBO)

## ***Generation Found***

Drug abuse and addiction are rampant in schools around the world but particularly in America. This documentary explores how drugs are becoming a self-medicating coping mechanism for trauma and non-trauma surviving children alike. Watch as a Texas school takes a stand and give a generation of lost children the hope and support they need. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.5 hours

**Where to stream:** iTunes, Prime, Google Play, or Vudu

## ***Gimme Shelter***

Based on a true story about a pregnant teenager who flees her abusive mother in search of her father, only to be rejected. She is forced to survive on the streets until a compassionate stranger offers a hopeful alternative. A powerful movie demonstrating the impact one person can make on a child or teen.

[Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 2 hours

**Where to stream:** iTunes, Prime, HULU

## ***Gracie's Choice***

When her drug-addicted, abusive mother is sent to jail, a teenage girl fights to be legally emancipated and raise her younger siblings. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.5 hours

**Where to stream:** Prime, YouTube

## ***Healing Neen***

A documentary featuring one mother's journey through addiction, incarceration and homelessness. This program highlights the critical role of trauma-informed care in the child welfare system. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1 hour

**Where to stream:** Vimeo, YouTube

## ***Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis***

The Vance family story began with hope in postwar America. J.D.'s grandparents were "dirt poor and in love" and moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. We learn that J.D.'s grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and, most of all, his mother struggled profoundly with the demands of their new middle-class life, never fully escaping the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma so characteristic of their part of America. With piercing honesty, Vance shows how he himself still carries around the demons of his chaotic family history. The story is also available as a book. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 2 hours

**Where to stream:** Netflix

## ***Hunt for the Wilderpeople***

The story of a boy and his foster father who become the subjects of a manhunt after they get stranded in the New Zealand wilderness. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.75 hours

**Where to stream:** Netflix, Amazon Prime

## ***Instant Family***

An engaging comedy/drama about foster care and sibling adoption. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 2 hours

**Where to stream:** Prime, Hulu, Paramount +, YouTube

## ***Know How***

A musical written and acted in by former foster youth, chronicling their journeys through the foster care system in New York City. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.75 hours

**Where to stream:** Amazon Prime, iTunes, Netflix

## ***Like Dandelion Dust***

A compelling drama exploring the different meanings of being a parent through the gritty, realistic lives of two families that intersect over the love of a little boy. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.75 hours

**Where to stream:** Amazon Prime, iTunes, YouTube

## ***Precious***

The story of an abused teen in New York, who is pregnant with her second child and is offered an opportunity to enroll in an alternative school. She then begins her journey towards hope. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.75 hours

**Where to stream:** Amazon Prime, Hulu, iTunes, YouTube

## ***Short Term 12***

The story about the lives of teens in a foster care facility for at risk youth (RTC) as told through the eyes of their young supervisor, Grace. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.5 hours

**Where to stream:** Amazon Prime, iTunes, YouTube

## ***Take Care of Maya***

As a medical team tries to understand 10-year-old Maya Kowalski's rare illness, they begin to question her parents. Suddenly, Maya is in state custody – despite a family desperate to bring their daughter home.

[Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.5 hour

**Where to stream:** Netflix

## ***The Day I Picked My Parents***

The Day I Picked My Parents is a documentary series that follows ten foster children who are part of a revolutionary program operated by the nonprofit organization Kidsave in California, as they search to find their forever home. For the first time in their lives, they will have input into their own destiny as they decide where they want to live and who will be their family. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 45 minutes each episode

**Where to stream:** Hulu, Prime

## ***The Queen's Gambit***

*The Queen's Gambit* is a limited miniseries which follows the life of an orphan chess prodigy, Beth Harmon, during her quest to become the world's greatest chess player while struggling with emotional problems and drug and alcohol dependency. The story takes place in the 1950's and 60's. Seven episode miniseries.

[Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 7 episodes, each 1 hour

**Where to stream:** Netflix

## ***The Ride***

Directed by Alex Ranarivelo, this film is based on the life of Scottish BMX biker John Buultjens (played by Shane Graham). It follows John's journey as an abused youth who ends up in a juvenile detention facility until he is adopted by a foster family – the Buultjens. However, he is disappointed when he learns that his new family is interracial, considering how he grew up in a family of white supremacists. One day, his foster father Eldridge (Ludacris) gives him a bike. From there, he discovers the freedom of bike riding which leads to competing in BMX riding competitions. [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 1.5 hours

**Where to stream:** Prime

## ***They Have Names***

There are 15,000 children in Arizona's foster care system, but who are they? "They Have Names" follows five people and their families over a year as they navigate Arizona's child welfare system. Why do these kids end up in the system? How are their cases managed? What happens when the kids grow up? [Watch Trailer](#)

**Time:** 30 minutes

**Where to Stream:** Amazon Prime