



## CASA of Ventura County Volunteer Training

The CASA Traditional Training consists of 10 in-person 3.5-hour classes, reading with some online activities prior to each class, and 3 hours of courtroom observation completed over a 5-week cycle. You must finish all training and observation within the 5 weeks, and all background checks must be completed and cleared in order to be sworn in as a CASA.

Winter Traditional Training: February 26 – March 28, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 – 9:00 pm

**Tues., Feb. 26:** Chapter 1 - The CASA Volunteer Role

**Thurs., Feb. 28:** Chapter 2 - The Well-Being of a Child

**Tues., March 5:** Chapter 3 - Trauma, Resilience and Communication Skills

**Thurs., March 7:** Chapter 4 - Mental Health, Poverty and Professional Communication

**Tues., March 12:** Chapter 5 - Substance Abuse and Cultural Competence

**Thurs., March 14:** Juvenile Dependency Panel

**Tues., March 19:** Chapter 6 - Domestic Violence and Cultural Competence

**Thurs., March 21:** Chapter 7 - Educational Advocacy, Older Youth and LGBTQ Youth

**Tues., March 26:** Commercially Sexually Exploited (CSEC)

**Thurs., March 28:** Chapter 8 - Wrapping Up

### Additional Training Expectations

**Courtroom Observation:** 3 Hours of Courtroom Observation to be completed on a Tuesday during training. A sign-up sheet will be available at the first In-Person class.

**Swearing-In Ceremony:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 12:00 pm

Attend this ceremony to take your volunteer oath of appointment after completing the training. The ceremony is held at the Juvenile Courthouse at 4353 E. Vineyard Ave., Oxnard. Please join us at the office immediately following the swearing-in for a celebratory luncheon. You are welcome to bring one guest.

**Continuing Education:** You will be required to complete 12 hours of Continuing Education each calendar year that you are an active volunteer. We offer a variety of trainings to help volunteers complete this requirement.