

CASA of Ventura County Volunteer Training

The CASA Flex Training consists of 8 in-person 3-hour classes, 5 online classes, and 3 hours of courtroom observation completed over a 6-week cycle. You must finish all training and observation within the 6 weeks, and all background checks must be completed and cleared in order to be sworn in as a CASA.

Spring Flex Training: April 14 – May 19, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Tues., April 14: In-Person - Mandatory Class Introduction *By Mon., April 20*: Complete Online Session 1: Getting Started; Introduction to Child Welfare
Tues., April 21: In-Person – The Role of the CASA Volunteer; Introduction to Child Abuse and Neglect *By Mon., April 27*: Complete Online Session 2: Strengths and Risks
Tues., April 28: In-Person – Family Strengths; Introducing Yourself as a CASA; Greene Case Study *By Mon., May 4*: Complete Online Session 3: Cultural Competence, Domestic Violence
Tues., May 5: In-Person – Trauma and Resilience; The Amarillo Case
*Weds., May 6: In-Person – Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (5:30 pm – 9:00 pm) *By Mon., May 11*: Complete Online Session 4: Advocating for Older Youth
*Tues., May 12: In-Person – Educational Advocacy, Advocating for LGBTQ Youth
*Thurs., May 14: In-Person – Juvenile Dependency Team Panel Discussion (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm) *By Mon., May 18*: Complete Online Session 5: Wrapping Up – The Redd Case
Tues., May 19: In-Person – Redd Case Debrief, CASA Panel

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, May 26, 2020 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.

*NOTE: Wednesday and Thursday meeting dates and time changes