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.

Summer Traditional Training: May 26 – June 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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

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

**Tues., June 2:** Chapter 3 - Trauma, Resilience and Communication Skills

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

**Tues., June 9:** Commercially Sexually Exploited (CSEC)

**Thurs., June 11:** Chapter 5 - Substance Abuse and Cultural Competence

**Tues., June 16:** Chapter 6 - Domestic Violence and Cultural Competence

*Thurs., June 18: Juvenile Dependency Panel (6-8 pm)*

**Tues., June 23:** Chapter 7 - Educational Advocacy, Older Youth and LGBTQ Youth

**Thurs., June 25:** 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, July 7, 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 Different time*