



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.

Fall Flex Training: August 26 – September 30, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Wed., August 26: In-Person - Mandatory Class Introduction

By Tues., Sept. 1: Complete Online Session 1: Getting Started; Introduction to Child Welfare

Wed., Sept. 2: In-Person – The Role of the CASA Volunteer; Introduction to Child Abuse and Neglect

By Tues., Sept. 8: Complete Online Session 2: Strengths and Risks

Wed., Sept. 9: In-Person – Family Strengths; Introducing Yourself as a CASA; Greene Case Study

***Thurs., Sept. 10:** In-Person – Juvenile Dependency Team Panel Discussion (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

By Tues., Sept. 15: Complete Online Session 3: Cultural Competence, Domestic Violence

Wed., Sept. 16: In-Person – Trauma and Resilience; The Amarillo Case

***Tues., Sept. 15:** In-Person – Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (5:30 pm – 9:00 pm)

By Tues., Sept. 22: Complete Online Session 4: Advocating for Older Youth

Wed., Sept. 23: In-Person – Educational Advocacy, Advocating for LGBTQ Youth

By Tues., Sept. 29: Complete Online Session 5: Wrapping Up – The Redd Case

Wed., Sept. 30: 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, October 6, 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: Tuesday and Thursday meeting dates and time changes