

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: March 3 – April 2, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Tues., March 3: Chapter 1 - The CASA Volunteer Role

Thurs., March 5: Chapter 2 - The Well-Being of a Child

Tues., March 10: Chapter 3 - Trauma, Resilience and Communication Skills

Thurs., March 12: Chapter 4 - Mental Health, Poverty and Professional Communication

Tues., March 17: Chapter 5 - Substance Abuse and Cultural Competence

Thurs., March 19: Juvenile Dependency Panel (6-8 pm)

Tues., March 24: Chapter 6 - Domestic Violence and Cultural Competence

Thurs., March 26: Commercially Sexually Exploited (CSEC)

Tues., March 31: Chapter 7 - Educational Advocacy, Older Youth and LGBTQ Youth

Thurs., April 2: 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 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.