



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.

Fall Traditional Training: October 13 – November 13, Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Tues., Oct. 13 Chapter 1 - The CASA Volunteer Role

Fri., Oct. 16: Chapter 2 - The Well-Being of a Child

Tues., Oct. 20: Chapter 3 - Trauma, Resilience and Communication Skills

Fri., Oct. 23: Chapter 4 - Mental Health, Poverty and Professional Communication

Tues., Oct. 27: Commercially Sexually Exploited (CSEC)

Fri., Oct. 30: Chapter 5 - Substance Abuse and Cultural Competence

Tues., Nov. 3: Chapter 6 - Domestic Violence and Cultural Competence

***Thurs., Nov. 5:** Juvenile Dependency Panel (6-8 pm)

Tues., Nov. 10: Chapter 7 - Educational Advocacy, Older Youth and LGBTQ Youth

Fri., Nov. 13: 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, November 17, 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 Thursday evening class