



# SUMMER 2026 TRAINING

## CASA VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE TRAINING CALENDAR

1. **IN PERSON** Tue. **June 9** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **CASA Role (Pt. 1)** *U.S. History of Child Protection Laws*
2. **IN PERSON** Thur. **June 11** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Best Interest & Risk Assessment** *w/ Advocate Speakers Panel*
  
3. **IN PERSON** Tue. **June 16** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Child Protection Agencies**
4. **IN PERSON** Thur. **June 18** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Families** *Engaging Through a Strengths-Based Lens*
  
5. **IN PERSON** Tue. **June 23** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Gathering Information** *Jessica Brown Case Study w/ CASA VC Staffers*
6. **IN PERSON** Thur. **June 25** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Identifying Connections** *Tools to recover a child's healthy relationships*

**NO CLASS JUNE 30 – JULY 7**

6. **IN PERSON** Thur. **July 9** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Medical, Educational & Legal Advocacy** *Gaining access w/ court order*
7. **IN PERSON** Tue. **July 14** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Court Hearing Preparation** *with Attorney Speakers Panel*
  
8. **IN PERSON** Thur. **July 16** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Putting it All Together** *Practical application of skills in the field*
  
9. ZOOM (DATE TBA) 12 - 12:15 p.m. **Swearing In Oath given by Judge**

### **TRAINING HOMEWORK**

- (4) CASA Training [Module Assignments](#) (assigned throughout & website password provided)
- (1) Practice Contact Log Entry in [Optima Training Database](#) – (assigned after week 3)
- (1) Collin County [Courtroom Observation](#) (staff guided – available dates announced during class & offered via [Signup Genius](#))
- (3) 1-hr Sexual Abuse Awareness Prevention Online Modules - (registration to [Praesidium](#) provided in the final week)

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