



AUTUMN 2026 TRAINING

CASA'S VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE TRAINING CALENDAR

1. **IN PERSON** Tue. **Oct. 13** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **CASA's Role** *U.S. History of Child Protection Laws*
2. **IN PERSON** Thur. **Oct. 15** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Legal Best Interest & Risk Assessment** *w/ Advocate Speakers Panel*
3. **IN PERSON** Tue. **Oct. 20** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Child Protection Agencies**
- NO CLASS OCT 22nd** during fundraising event
CASA Casino Night at McKinney Flour Mill (100% OPTIONAL)
4. **IN PERSON** Tue. **Oct. 27** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Families** *Engaging Through a Strengths-Based Lens*
5. **IN PERSON** Thur. **Oct. 29** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Gathering Information** *Jessica Brown Case Study w/ CASA VC Staffers*
6. **IN PERSON** Tue. **Nov. 3** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Identifying Connections** *Tools to recover a child's healthy relationships*
7. **IN PERSON** Thur. **Nov. 5** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Medical, Educational & Legal Advocacy** *Gaining access w/ court order*
8. **IN PERSON** Tue. **Nov. 10** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Court Hearing Preparation** *with Attorney Speakers Panel*
9. **IN PERSON** Thur. **Nov. 12** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Putting it All Together** *Practical application of skills in the field*
10. **ZOOM** (DATE TBA) 12 - 12:15 p.m. **Swearing In Oath given by Judge** - sharable Zoom link provided

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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