

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.

Winter Flex Training: January 16 - February 20, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tues., Jan. 16: In-Person - Mandatory Class Introduction *By Mon., Jan. 22*: Complete Online Session 1: Getting Started; Introduction to Child Welfare
Tues., Jan 23: In-Person – The Role of the CASA Volunteer; Introduction to Child Abuse and Neglect *By Mon., Jan 29*: Complete Online Session 2: Strengths and Risks
Tues., Jan. 30: In-Person – Family Strengths; Introducing Yourself as a CASA; Greene Case Study *By Mon., Feb 5*: Complete Online Session 3: Cultural Competence and Disproportionality
Tues., Feb. 6; In-Person – Court Reports, The Amarillo Case
Thurs., Feb. 8: In-Person – Juvenile Dependency Team Panel Discussion *By Mon., Feb 12*: Complete Online Session 4: Achieving Permanence
Tues., Feb 13: In-Person – Child Development; Older Youth; The Brown Case
Thurs., Feb 15: In-Person – Commercially Sexually Exploited Children *By Mon., Feb 19*: Complete Online Session 5: Wrapping Up – The Redd Case
Tues., Feb. 20: In-Person – Redd Case Debrief, CASA Panel

Additional Training Expectations

Courtroom Observation: 3 Hours of Courtroom Observation to be completed on a Monday during training. A sign-up sheet will be available at the first In-Person class.

Swearing-In Ceremony: Monday, February 26, 2018 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.