

NATIONAL CASA/GAL ASSOCIATION SUBURBAN AFFINITY GROUP CALL

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

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Welcome

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Suburban Leadership Council Co-Chairs

Kim Davis

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Resources | Support You Asked For...

- Ways people are communicating and engaging with the community during the re-opening process while maintaining the seriousness of COVID-19
- Courts not hearing cases | Postponing as long as 6 months
- Staff support opportunities: self-care, good boundaries and supporting volunteers during the re-opening process
- Diversity and Equity in the Foster Care System
- Volunteer Liability Release and Waiver



Agenda

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New Normal Considerations | Current Events

Pre-service Training | Use Of Pre-service Curriculum

Community Engagement | Re-Opening Process

Court Issues

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Upcoming Trainings and Webinars

Questions & Wrap Up

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Helpful Tips

Reminder

- This call is being recorded

Q&A Box Use

- If you have a question that a National CASA/GAL staff member can assist you with or you need program specific support

Chat Box Use

- If you have a thought, an idea, a suggestion for the whole group

New Normal Considerations | Current Events

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Deputy Chief Executive Officer
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Community Engagement During the Re-Opening Process

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Engagement in the Re-Opening Process

Continue to communicate the needs of children and families in the community and the CASA mission

Reinforce that CASA/GAL volunteers are needed more than ever and why

Communicate what your program has been doing during the time of COVID-19 (e.g. virtual training, new ways of volunteers and children staying in touch)

Engagement in the Re-Opening Process

- Be mindful of how you communicate about children who have been in their own homes during this time
- Let the community know how they can help
- Utilize various media:
 - Webpage
 - Social media
 - Email
 - Letters
 - Telephone calls

Volunteer Pre-service Curriculum | Use of Pre-service Curriculum

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Volunteer Pre-service Curriculum



- Enables nationally consistent, quality volunteer advocacy
- Key differentiator of CASA/GAL programs
- Proprietary

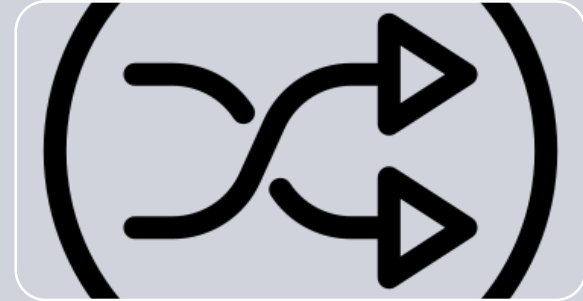
Volunteer Pre-service Curriculum | Risks



Used in
litigation



Used by
non-
members



Modified
beyond
recognition

Volunteer Pre-service Curriculum | Proposed Policy

- Must only deliver training through the three approved modalities
- Email only to authorized recipients and with language about limiting distribution
- Post on a website only in a secure area with password protection
- Never post on a discussion board
- Share it only in the context of training
- Never sell access to the training or otherwise monetize it
- Limit modifications to additional components relevant to the specific jurisdiction or adaptations of fact patterns in hypotheticals to match fact patterns typical to the specific jurisdiction
- Advise trainees that they should not share the curriculum

Volunteer Liability Release and Waiver

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Volunteer Liability Release and Waiver

<https://member.nationalcasagal.org/?s=volunteer+waiver>

Courts

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Courts not hearing cases |

Postponing as long as six months

Engage in conversation with judges and court administrators to learn the court's plan and rationale

Offer ideas to work together in the re-opening and operation of courts

- National Center for State Courts
 - <https://www.ncsc.org/newsroom/public-health-emergency>
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
 - <https://www.ncjfcj.org/covid-19-resources-and-updates/>
- In what ways can National CASA/GAL support you in your efforts?



CASA/GAL Volunteers and Court Attendance

- Importance of “equal voice”
- Assure that the volunteer, as much as possible, participates in the hearing in the same modality as other participants in the hearing
- If hearing is virtual, volunteer should participate virtually
- If hearing is in-person and others are attending in-person, the volunteer should attend in-person if possible
- If volunteers do not participate as others do:
 - Case could be continued
 - Impression could be given that CASA/GAL volunteers’ involvement is not as important
 - CASA/GAL voice may not be heard equally to others

2020 Virtual Conference Update

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Training & Development Officer
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2020 Virtual National CASA/GAL Annual Conference Updates

Dates: October 20-21, 2020

Theme: Reconnect. Recharge. Reignite.

The experience:

- Plenary session
- 10 Institutes
- Over 40 learning sessions
- Awards of Excellence Celebration – **October 21, 2020**
- Meet ups, wellness and coffee breaks
- Exhibit Hall (tentative)

Registration will open: early July

2020 Virtual National CASA/GAL Annual Conference Updates

Costs:

- **Full Conference Option**
 - Staff and Board Members = \$150
 - CASA/GAL Volunteer Advocates and Students = \$80
- **One Day Conference Option**
 - Staff and Board Members = \$90
 - CASA/GAL Volunteer Advocates and Students = \$50
- For every 5 paid registrations, the 6th registration is free
- The institutes are \$125/each and are in addition to the conference registration
- Awards of Excellence Celebration is open to anyone, regardless if they register for the conference/institute or not.
 - There is no cost and there will be a way to register for the AOE only on the site

DAY 1 Tuesday, October 20, 2020				
TIME (ET)	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
12:30-5:30 PM	Institutes			
10-11 AM	Exhibit Hall			
11-11:15 AM	Welcome			
11:15-11:30 AM	Opening Remarks			
11:30 AM-12:15 PM	Plenary Session			
12:15-12:30 PM	Transition			
12:30-1:30 PM	Workshop Block #1			
1:30-2:30 PM	Lunch	Reconnect & Recharge	Exhibit Hall	
2:30-2:45 PM	Transition			
2:45-3:45 PM	Workshop Block #2			
3:45-4 PM	Transition			
4-5 PM	Workshop Block #3			
5 -6 PM	Reconnect & Recharge	Exhibit Hall		

DAY 2 Wednesday, October 21, 2020				
TIME (ET)	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
12-5 PM	Institutes			
10-11 AM	Exhibit Hall			
11AM -12 PM	Reconnect & Recharge	Exhibit Hall	Transition	
12-1 PM	Workshop Block #1			
1-2 PM	Lunch	Reconnect & Recharge	Exhibit Hall	
2-2:15 PM	Transition			
2:15-3:15 PM	Workshop Block #2			
3:15-3:30 PM	Transition			
3:30-4:30 PM	Workshop Block #3			
4:30-5:30 PM	End of conference workshops	Break before AOE		
4:30-5:30 PM	Exhibit Hall			
5:30-6:30 PM	AOE			

Upcoming Trainings and Webinars

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New Training Opportunities

Title	Date/Time	Audience	Registration link
Grant Opportunity: Growth and Sustainability	Monday, July 13th 9-10 AM PT/10-11 AM MT/11 AM-12 PM CT/12-1 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events or https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nGk85tcfQpO5VzelEgeNbQ
Advocating for Trafficked and High-Risk Child and Youth Victims	Thursday, July 23rd 11AM – 12:30 PM PT/12 PM-1:30 PM MT/1-2:30 PM CT/2-3:30 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff and Volunteer Advocates	Member Portal>Events or https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yHPGI9I_Rv6gbaIrMzl8IQ
A Local Program's Community-based Approach to Ending Racism: Interrupting Racism for Children	Thursday, August 6th 10– 11:30 AM PT/11 AM-12:30 PM MT/12-1:30 PM CT/1-2:30 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events or https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1n5cVJuXRbORMeUwVhNpOg
Research and Evaluation Protocol	Monday, August 24th 10-11:30 AM PT/11 AM-12:30 PM MT/12-1:30 PM CT/1-2:30 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events or https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EHiCwhvfSXetIPSTtSWEvQ



New Training Opportunities: Volunteer Administration

Title	Date/Time	Audience	Registration link
Rethinking Volunteer Recognition	Tuesday, July 28th 10-11:30 AM PT/11AM-12:30 PM MT/12-1:30 PM CT/1-2:30 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events
Volunteer Retention: Retaining, Reconnecting and Re-energizing	Tuesday, September 1st 10-11:30 AM PT/11AM-12:30 PM MT/12-1:30 PM CT/1-2:30 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events
Providing Feedback is as Easy as 1, 2, 3!	Tuesday, September 22nd 10-11:30 AM PT/11AM-12:30 PM MT/12-1:30 PM CT/1-2:30 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events
“Engaging” Conversations: Recruiting Volunteers through Meaningful Discussions	Wednesday, October 7th 10-11:30 AM PT/11AM-12:30 PM MT/12-1:30 PM CT/1-2:30 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events
Finding the Fit: Interview and Screening Tips	Thursday, November 12th 10-11:30 AM PT/11AM-12:30 PM MT/12-1:30 PM CT/1-2:30 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events

Upcoming Training of Facilitators (TOF)

Title	Date/Time	Audience	Registration link
Training of Facilitators: Pre-Service Training Curricula	July 27th, 29th, and 30th (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) 9 AM-1 PM PT/10 AM-2 PM MT/11 AM-3 PM CT/12-4 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events or https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZYW8TJ
Training of Facilitators: Pre-Service Training Curricula	August 18th, 19th and 20th (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) 9 AM-1 PM PT/10 AM-2 PM MT/11 AM-3 PM CT/12-4 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events or https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZYW8TJ
Training of Facilitators: Pre-Service Training Curricula	September 15th, 16th and 17th (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) 9 AM-1 PM PT/10 AM-2 PM MT/11 AM-3 PM CT/12-4 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events or https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZYW8TJ

Questions and Wrap Up

Thank you for your leadership and service!

The Next Suburban Affinity Group Call is August 27, 2020

