

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a green zip-up shirt, has her right arm around the shoulder of a young girl with long dark hair. The girl is wearing a purple t-shirt and a grey cardigan. They are standing in a brightly lit hallway with other people in the background. The scene is overlaid with a blue gradient at the bottom.

# NATIONAL CASA/GAL ASSOCIATION URBAN AFFINITY GROUP CALL

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

\*This call is being recorded.



# Welcome

Blondean Jones  
Network Engagement Officer  
National CASA/GAL Association for Children





## Urban Leadership Council Co-Chairs

Meaghan Henry

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# Agenda

Welcome	Blondean Jones
New Normal Considerations   Current Events	Sally Erny
Pre-service Training   Use Of Pre-service Curriculum	Russ Jacobs
Community Engagement   Re-Opening Process	Sally Erny
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Brainstorming   Youth in Virtual Schools	Meaghan Henry
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Upcoming Trainings and Webinars	Kim Koch
Questions & Wrap Up	Blondean Jones



# 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

## 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
- CASA/GAL programs are brainstorming around supporting youth in the virtual school space. How other programs are thinking of adapting to meet the needs of advocacy in that space
- Diversity and Equity in the Foster Care System

# New Normal Considerations | Current Events

Sally Erny  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
National CASA/GAL Association for Children



# Community Engagement During the Re-Opening Process

Sally Erny  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
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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 medias:
  - Webpage
  - Social media
  - Email
  - Letters
  - Telephone calls

# 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

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

Russell Jacobs  
General Counsel, Chief Legal Affairs Officer  
National CASA/GAL Association for Children

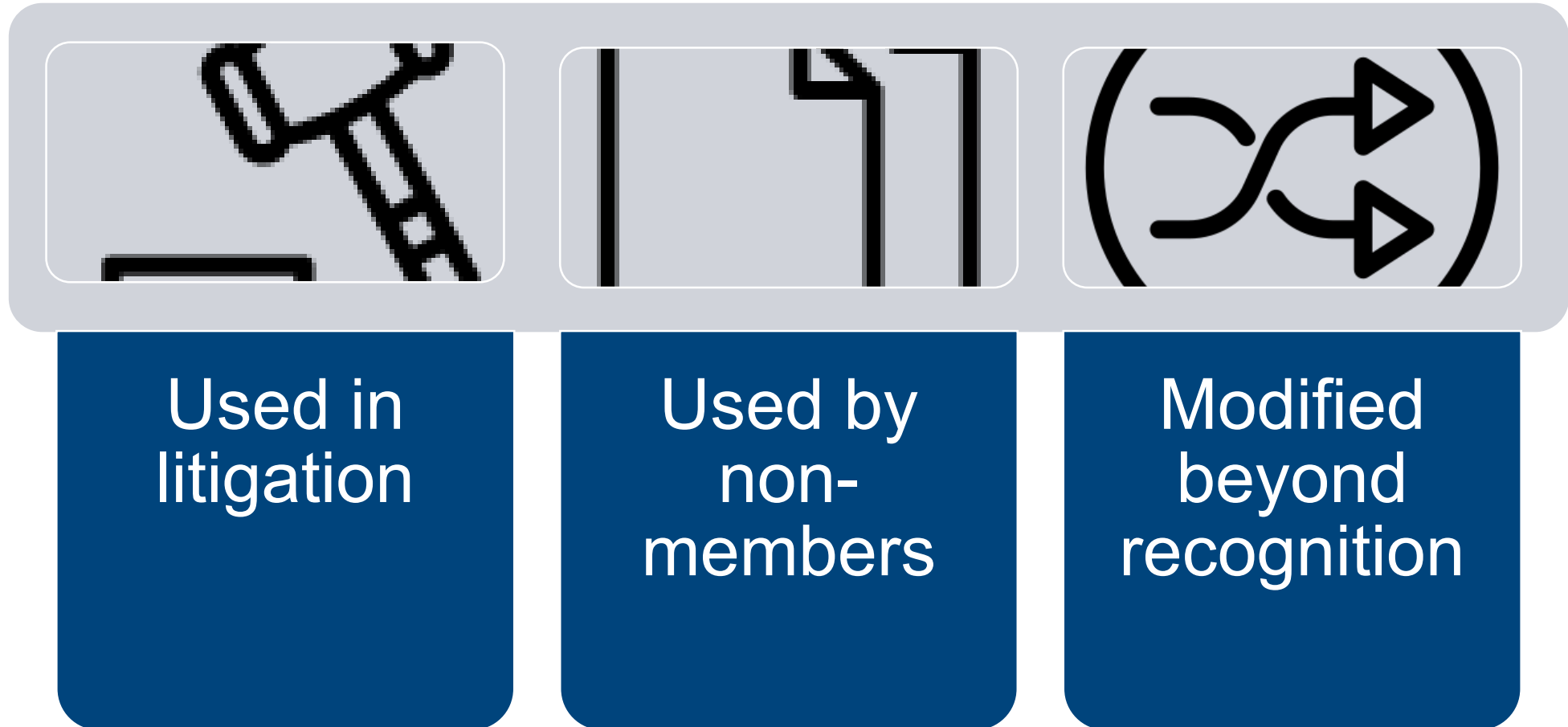


# Volunteer Pre-service Curriculum



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

# Volunteer Pre-service Curriculum | Risks







# 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

# Brainstorming | Youth in Virtual Schools

Meaghan Henry  
Urban Leadership Council Co-Chair



# 2020 Virtual Conference Update

Kim Koch  
Training & Development Officer  
National CASA/GAL Association for Children





# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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				
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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

Kim Koch  
Training & Development Officer  
National CASA/GAL Association for Children







# New Training Opportunities

Title	Date/Time	Audience	Registration link
Grant Opportunity: Growth and Sustainability	<b>Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup></b> 9-10 AM PT/10-11 AM MT/11 AM-12 PM CT/12-1 PM ET	CASA/GAL Staff	Member Portal>Events or <a href="https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nGk85tcfQpO5VzelEgeNbQ">https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nGk85tcfQpO5VzelEgeNbQ</a>
Advocating for Trafficked and High-Risk Child and Youth Victims	<b>Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 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 <a href="https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yHPGI9I_Rv6gbalrMzl8IQ">https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yHPGI9I_Rv6gbalrMzl8IQ</a>
A Local Program’s Community-based Approach to Ending Racism: Interrupting Racism for Children	<b>Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup></b> 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 <a href="https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1n5cVJuXRbORMeUwVhNpOg">https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1n5cVJuXRbORMeUwVhNpOg</a>
Research and Evaluation Protocol	<b>Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup></b> 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 <a href="https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EHiCwhvfSXetIPSTtSWEvQ">https://nationalcasagal.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EHiCwhvfSXetIPSTtSWEvQ</a>



# New Training Opportunities: Volunteer Administration

Title	Date/Time	Audience	Registration link
Rethinking Volunteer Recognition	<b>Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup></b> 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	<b>Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup></b> 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!	<b>Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 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	<b>Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup></b> 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	<b>Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup></b> 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	<b>July 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup></b> (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 <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZYW8TJ">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZYW8TJ</a>
Training of Facilitators: Pre-Service Training Curricula	<b>August 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup></b> (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 <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZYW8TJ">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZYW8TJ</a>
Training of Facilitators: Pre-Service Training Curricula	<b>September 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup></b> (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 <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZYW8TJ">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZYW8TJ</a>

# Questions and Wrap Up

*Thank you for your leadership and service!*

The Next Urban Affinity Group Call is August 27, 2020

