



## CASA of Travis County Volunteer Training

The CASA Volunteer Training Fast Track program consists of 8 in-person 3.5-hour classes on a condensed timeline, an hour of pre-work for each class and 3 hours of courtroom observation (approximately 39 hours total) completed over a 2-week cycle. You must finish all training and observation by the final deadline and all background checks must be completed and cleared in order to be assigned to a case.

### **Cycle A1 – Fast Track: January 6–24, 6:00–9:30 pm**

**Mon, Jan 6:** Class 1 - Introducing the CASA/GAL Volunteer Role

**Tues, Jan 7:** Class 2 - The Well-Being of a Child

**Wed, Jan 8:** Class 3 - Trauma, Resilience and Communication Skills

**Thurs, Jan 9:** Class 4 - Mental Health, Poverty and Professional Communication

**Mon, Jan 13:** Class 5 - Substance Abuse and Cultural Competence

**Tues, Jan 14:** Class 6 - Domestic Violence and Cultural Competence

**Wed, Jan 15:** Class 7 - Educational Advocacy, Older Youth and LGBTQ Youth

**Thurs, Jan 16:** Class 8 - Wrapping Up

### **Additional Training Expectations**

**Pre-Work:** There will be approximately an hour of reading, videos, and other Pre-Work prior to each of the 8 classes that you are expected to complete in order to fully participate in class.

**Courtroom Observation:** 3 Hours of Courtroom Observation to be completed by Fri, Jan 24

**Swearing-In Ceremony:** Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Attend this celebratory ceremony to take your volunteer oath after completing training. Location TBA.

**Continuing Ed:** You will be required to complete 12 hours of Continuing Education each year that you are an active volunteer. We offer a variety of trainings and activities to help volunteers complete this requirement.