



Texas CASA's Online Options for In-Service Training Available at learn.texascasa.org

Our searchable Learning Center includes 150+ other resources, webinars & guides.

Top Advocacy E-Learning Courses

[Online Core Advocacy Skills Training \(OCAST\) Is New And Improved!](#)

(10 hrs) Learn the fundamentals of advocacy and the progress of a case through the courts.

[Collaborative Family Engagement Course](#)

(90 min) Learn the essentials of engaging families (a prerequisite for in-person CFE training).

[On Trauma: Trust Based Relational Intervention: Healing Families Video Course](#)

(6 hrs) Learn best practices in responding to children. Share with caregivers! (1 video in Spanish.)

[The 12 Core Concepts for Understanding Traumatic Stress in Children and Families](#)

(6 hrs) A full course on understanding traumatic stress, by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

[Working with Parents Involved in the Child Welfare System](#)

(1 hr) Learn to work compassionately with birth parents and to provide effective support.

Top 10 Advocacy Webinars

[Surrogate Parent Training Webinar](#)

(1 hr) Learn educational advocacy for children with disabilities in special education.

[Trauma Informed Advocacy for Children and Youth in Foster Care](#)

(1 hr) View the child's emotional and behavioral state through a trauma-informed lens.

[Overview of Issues and Policies Related to Transitioning Youth](#)

(1 hr) Webinar includes recommendations for CASA staff & volunteers to improve transition planning.

[Youth Self-Advocacy](#)

(1 hr) Understand how to promote, at every turn, opportunities for increasing youths' self-advocacy.

[Seven Habits of the Highly Effective CASA](#)

(1 hr) Strengthen your advocacy with children, families and system stakeholders.

[Serving LGBTQ Youth in Residential and Child Welfare Settings](#)

(90 min) Learn strategies for creating safe, inclusive, and youth-centered spaces and relationships.

[Life Cycle of Human Trafficking](#)

(1 hr) Learn more and understand your stake in preventing children from being trafficked.

[Children with Sexually Aggressive Behaviors](#)

(1 hr) Learn to identify sexually aggressive behavior, document and advocate for support and services.

[Communicating with Children](#)

(1 hr) Help children understand your role, and learn to understand them more deeply.

[Behavioral Health Services for Foster Children Under Medicaid](#)

(1 hr) Understand the behavioral health services available and how to access them for a child or youth.

Top 5 Guides and Toolkits

["Texas Foster Care Handbook for Children, Youth and Young Adults"](#) (36 pgs)

["Keeping the Urgency for Permanency: A Resource Guide for Serving Youth in PMC"](#) (134 pgs)

["Permanency Planning Toolkit"](#) (176 pgs)

["Educational Advocacy Guidebook"](#) (66 pgs)

["When You Decide: A Judge's Guide to Pregnancy Prevention Among Foster Youth"](#) (66 pgs)

Resources on Cultural Competency, Diversity and Disproportionality

Watching: Videos and Recorded Webinars

[Working with Culturally Diverse Families of Children with Behavioral Health Challenges](#) (1 hr)

[Child Trauma, Race and Urban Identity](#) (90 min)

[Approaching Clients with Cultural Humility](#) (1 hr)

[Foster Care's Invisible Youth: LGBTQ Voices](#) (27 mins)

[Serving LGBTQ Youth in Residential and Child Welfare Settings](#) (90 min)

[Affirming Care for Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth](#) (90 min)

[The Trauma of Being Black in Foster Care](#) (11 mins)

[Advocacy for Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Children](#) (1 hr)

[Advocating for Undocumented Youth](#) (1 hr)

[Latin American Children's Extraordinary Support \(LACES\)](#) (1 hr)

[Understanding Disability Culture and Pride](#) (44 mins)

Reading: Guides and Toolkits

[Connecting Across Culture & Difference in CASA Advocacy](#) (10 pgs)

[A Social Worker's Toolkit for Working with Immigrant Families](#) (35 pgs)

[A Guide for Working with African American Families in the Child Welfare System](#) (19 pgs)

[Understanding the Issues of Abuse and Neglect and Asian American Families](#) (2 pgs)

[Supportive Families, Healthy Children: Helping the Families of LGBTQ Youth](#) (24 pgs)

Resources Specifically For Staff

[The Art of Coaching for Volunteer Retention E-Learning](#)

(80 min) An animated course on relationships for volunteer supervisors & recruiters.

[The Art of Coaching for Volunteer Retention Guidebook](#)

[Standards for Local CASA/Gal Programs](#)

[Procedures Guide for Volunteer Coordinators](#)