

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE

 TRAINING SCHEDULE

**August 15, 2017 Orientation 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Introduction to CASA and the Volunteer's role

Speakers: **Juvenile Court Judge, Executive Director, and the CASA Staff**

**August 22, 2017 Chapter I 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Understanding Child abuse & neglect; Principals & concepts that guide CASA Volunteer work

*Trainers: (TBD)*

**August 29, 2017 Chapter II 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Introducing the Law, the Court Protection System, and the roles in Juvenile Court

Speaker: **DFCS**; *Trainers: (TBD)*

**September 5, 2017 Chapter III 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Cultural Competency - Diversity, cultural heritage, & personal values in child advocacy

*Trainers: (TBD)*

**September 12, 2017 Chapters IV & V 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Understanding Children's Needs; Impact of mental illness and domestic violence on families

The Impact of Substance abuse on Children

*Trainers: (TBD)*

**September 19, 2017 Chapter VI 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Attachment and resilience, separation, and permanency for children

*Trainers: (TBD)*

**September 26, 2017 Chapter VII 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Communicating as a CASA Volunteer & Understanding Confidentiality

Speaker: **Amanda Dean, Attorney at Law**;*Trainers: (TBD)*

**October 3, 2017 Chapters VIII & IX 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Practicing the CASA Volunteer Role: Gathering information & reporting and monitoring

*Trainers: (TBD)*

**October 10, 2017 Chapter X 5:30pm-8:30pm**

Pulling it all together - **Pot Luck Dinner**; Self-care, support from staff, & training wrap-up

**October 12, 2017 (Thursday) 5:30pm-6:30pm**

Swearing-In Ceremony, Speaker: **Juvenile Court Judge**

**Internship: 10 hours of court observation is required**

**Training Location: The Little House, 603 Washington Street SW, Gainesville, GA 30501 (770) 531-1964**

**Light dinner will be served each night of training.**