

Hall-Dawson CASA Program, Inc.

Alternative Continuing Education Opportunities

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Each CASA Volunteer is required to complete 12 hours of continuing education each calendar year. While our program offers monthly In-Service Sessions, you may also choose to complete some continuing education (CE) at your convenience. These alternative opportunities include reading books, watching movies, docuseries, or TV, podcasts, and other webinars. All alternative CE must be approved by CASA Staff. Please contact your Advocate Supervisor or other CASA Staff with any questions.

How to document continuing education credit hours:

Once you have finished any CE, please record in Optima. Under the "Volunteers Dashboard", you will be able to add your own hours. Select "Training Logs" from the tab options, click "add" and fill in the boxes. Either click "Other" or "Independent study" as the training format. Add the title in the notes section and provide a brief summary of your experience, learning, and how it relates to your role as a CASA.

Sections

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Finding Home: A Foster Youth Story

The story of four teens in foster care preparing for life outside of the foster care system.

Time: 1 hour

Where it can be found: [PBS](#)

The Fosters

A fictional series about two women and their biological, foster and adopted children.

Time: 5 seasons, each program 1 hour

Where it can be found: Amazon Prime, iTunes, Netflix

A Path Appears

PBS investigation into gender inequality, poverty and the ripple effects that follow: including sex trafficking, teen-pregnancy, gender-based violence, child slavery and the effective solutions being forged to combat them.

Time: 1 season, each program 1 to 1.5 hours

Where it can be found: [PBS](#)

The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez

A 6-part documentary following a true story of the torture and murder of an 8-year-old child. Series shows graphic images of abuse and discussed highly disturbing content.

Time: 6 hours

Where it can be found: Netflix

Unbelievable

Mini-series based on a true story of a teenager's report of sexual assault and the system's response and investigation of her disclosure.

Time: 6.5 hours

Where it can be found: Netflix

PBS Frontline Specials

Each program is 1 to 2 hours, and can be found at [PBS Frontline](#).

Chasing Heroin

Discusses the public health crisis of the opioid epidemic and highlights individual case studies
Sex Trafficking in America

Growing Up Trans

Explores the struggles and choices facing transgendered youth and their families

Kind Hearted Women – Video 1, Video 2

Follows a single mother on Spirit Lake Reservation as she struggles to heal from sexual abuse, raise her children and further her education

Left Behind in America

Explores struggles in Dayton Ohio with 35% of the population living in poverty.

Sex Trafficking in America

Follows a police unit committed to rooting out sexual exploitation.

Right to Fail

Investigates the consequences of adults with severe mental illness lacking needed supports.

Movies

Florida Project

A drama following a mother and daughter who are living in a budget motel in Orlando outside of Disney World.

Time: 2 hours

Where it can be found: Amazon Prime, iTunes, YouTube

6 Balloons

A loyal sister struggles to stay afloat while driving her heroin-addicted brother to a detox center and looking after his 2-year old daughter.

Time: 75 minutes

Where it can be found: Netflix

All Rise: For the Good of the Children

An in depth look into a trauma-informed courtroom in East Texas who are working to heal families in the child welfare system

Time: 75 minutes

Where it can be found: [All Rise](#)

At the Heart of Gold: Inside the USA Gymnastics Scandal

A documentary about the sexual abuse within the USA gymnastics team.

Time: 1.5 hours

Where it can be found: HBO, Hulu

Closure

A documentary about trans-racial adoption and the search for birth family and identity.

Time: 75 minutes

Where it can be found: Amazon Prime or [rent here](#)

Foster: HBO Special

A documentary about the foster care system, specifically in Los Angeles County.

Time: 2 hours

Where it can be found: HBO Go, HBO Now

Gimme Shelter

Based on a true story about a pregnant teenager who flees her abusive mother in search of her father, only to be rejected. She is forced to survive on the streets until a compassionate stranger offers a hopeful alternative. A powerful movie demonstrating the impact one person can make on a child or teen.

Time: 2 hours

Where it can be found: Amazon Prime, Hulu, iTunes

Gracie's Choice

When her drug-addicted, abusive mother is sent to jail, a teenage girl fights to be legally emancipated and raise her younger siblings.

Time: 1.5 hours

Where it can be found: Amazon Prime, tubiTV

Healing Neen

A documentary featuring one mother's journey through addiction, incarceration and homelessness. This program highlights the critical role of trauma-informed care in the child welfare system.

Time: 1 hour

Where it can be found: [Vimeo](#)

Instant Family

An engaging comedy/drama about foster care and sibling adoption.

Time: 2 hours

Where it can be found: Amazon Prime, Hulu, [Instant Family](#)

Know How

A musical written and acted in by former foster youth, chronicling their journeys through the foster care system in New York City.

Time: 1.75 hours

Where it can be found: Amazon Prime, iTunes, Netflix

Like Dandelion Dust

A compelling drama exploring the different meanings of being a parent through the gritty, realistic lives of two families that intersect over the love of a little boy.

Time: 1.75 hours

Where it can be found: Amazon Prime, iTunes, YouTube

Precious

The story of an abused teen in New York, who is pregnant with her second child and is offered an opportunity to enroll in an alternative school. She then begins her journey towards hope.

Warning: shows scenes of sexual assault

Time: 1.75 hours

Where it can be found: Amazon Prime, Hulu, iTunes, YouTube

Short Term 12

The story about the lives of teens in a foster care facility for at risk youth (RTC) as told through the eyes of their young supervisor, Grace.

Time: 1.5 hours

Where it can be found: Amazon Prime, iTunes, YouTube