**Hall-Dawson CASA Program 2017 Peer Group Schedule**

**CASA Volunteers and Staff are required 12 hours of annual In-Service Training**

**January 26,2017 @ 5:30 pm - The Little House: GA Mandated Reporter Training; Steve Collins, Adults Protecting Children**

* Be trained to recognize signs of abuse & neglect and groups of high-risk children, and learn your role in reporting.

**February 07, 2017 @ 8:00am - Atlanta Capitol: CASA Day at the Capitol**

* Annual CASA Day at the Capitol. Meet us at the Park-and-Ride lot at 8:00am on Exit 4 of I-985 in Buford, GA.

**March 11th - 14th, 2017 @ 7:30am - Seattle, WA: National CASA Conference**

* See National CASA's website www.casaforchildren.org under "News & Events" for fees and details.

**March 30, 2017 @ 5:30pm - The Little House: Marisa Sullens, Family Treatment Court Coordinator**

* A discussion of the Family Treatment Court, it's successes, and CASA's Role on the team. Guest speaker success story.

**April 22,2017 @ 8:00am - Stone Mountain, GA: Georgia CASA Conference. Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Center**

* Over 20 workshops offered by experts in the field, annual awards, keynote addresses, and networking opportunities. Registration is $40.00 online at www.gacasa.org and Hall-Dawson CASA will reimburse $20.00 upon request.

**May 25, 2017 @ 5:30pm – Compass Center Tour - United Way of Hall County (615 Oak St, Suite A, Gainesville, GA 30501)**

* United Way has opened a one-stop community resource center connecting individuals and families in poverty with existing services and providers throughout Gainesville and Hall County. Meet at the center for a private CASA tour.

**June 29, 2017 @ 12:00 pm - The Little House: CPRS2 Training; CASA Staff.**

* CPRS downloads current case plan from DFCS nightly. Apply for a username to research cases and monitor progress.

**July 27, 2017 @ 5:30 pm - The Little House: Advocating for Children of Incarcerated Parents; Christina Semple, Psy.D.**

* + Dr. Semple will share her research on parental incarceration and answer questions regarding to advocacy.

**August 31, 2017 @ 12:00 pm - The Little House: “Button-Pushing” Charyl Durbin, Ph.D. LPC**

* + Everyone has their buttons pushed. When dealing with children, they can be better at it than we like to admit. They have learned to do this effectively--so they keep doing it. Learn how to disengage and manage your reactions when your buttons are pushed.

**September 28, 2017 @ 5:30 pm - The Little House: Dynamics of Abuse and Domestic Violence; M. Anjana Freeman, MS, LPC**

* + Informative talk regarding offenders & victims of violence/sexual violence; Understand recanting, resistance to help, trauma bonding & allegiance to the offender; Important differences between Anger Management and DV treatment.

**October 26, 2017 MANDATORY @ 12:00pm-1:00pm *or* 5:30pm-6:30pm. – The Little House. Advanced Topics in Advocacy.**

* + In-depth review of the Role of a CASA; Confidentiality; Grant reporting; Courtroom Etiquette; Reengagement.

**November 30, 2017 @ 5:30 pm – Location: Berkshire Ridge Dr. Gainesville, GA 30506: Mock Home Visit Tour**

* + Join the CASA staff for an off-site “mock home visit” about 8 miles from the office. We will tour a CASA’s house set up as one

of our families and you will witness staff role play a typical home visit to a relative/placement home, guided by a rubric.

**December 14, 2017 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm AND 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm; The Little House "Open House and Toy Drive"**

* CASA Volunteers come pick out Christmas Gifts to deliver to their CASA Children. Wrapping station with supplies will be available to make the gifts festive! Light refreshments provided. Bring your best Christmas cheer =)