



## CASA of Travis County Volunteer Training

The CASA Volunteer Training program consists of 8 in-person 3.5-hour classes, an hour of pre-work for each class and 3 hours of courtroom observation (approximately 39 hours total) completed over a 5-week cycle. You must finish all training and observation within the 5 weeks and all background checks must be completed and cleared in order to be assigned to a case.

### **Cycle B1:** Mar 26–April 26, 6:00–9:30 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Tues, Mar 26:** Class 1 - Introducing the CASA/GAL Volunteer Role

**Thurs, Mar 28:** Class 2 - The Well-Being of a Child

**Tues, Apr 2:** Class 3 - Trauma, Resilience and Communication Skills

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

**Tues, Apr 9:** Class 5 - Substance Abuse and Cultural Competence

**Thurs, Apr 11:** Class 6 - Domestic Violence and Cultural Competence

**Tues, Apr 16:** Class 7 - Educational Advocacy, Older Youth and LGBTQ Youth

**Thurs, Apr 18:** 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 the final Friday of training

**Swearing-In Ceremony:** Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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.