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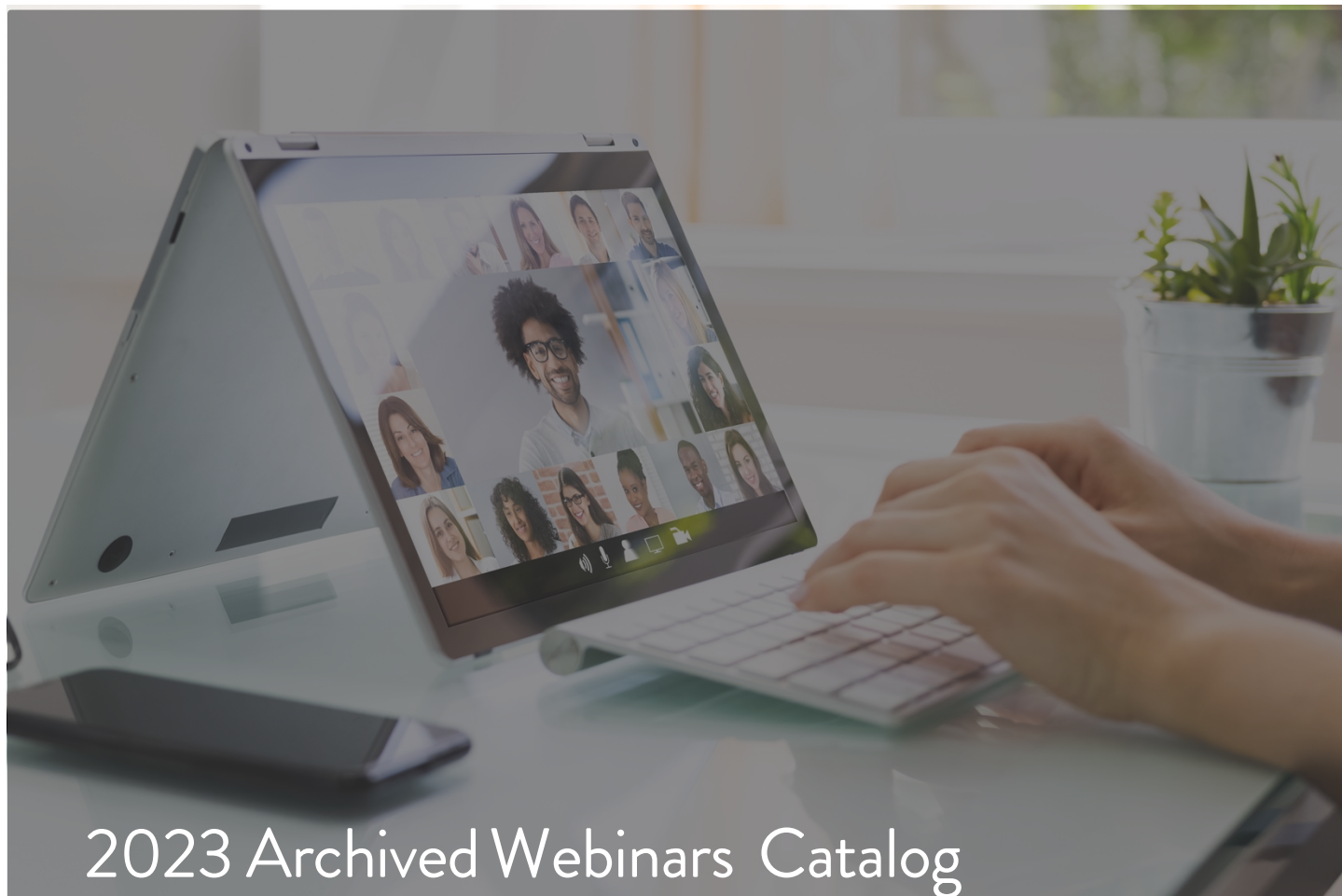
OVERVIEW

This catalog features a series of webinars hosted by the National CASA/GAL Association for Children throughout 2023. To obtain a certificate of completion from the National CASA/GAL Association, ensure that you finish watching the webinars by March 29, 2024.

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Core Model and Roles of National State and Local CASA/GAL Organizations

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff

We started the new year with a review of our CASA/GAL foundational concepts related to our CASA/GAL Core Model and the varying roles of national, state and local CASA/GAL entities. This webinar is valuable for new program leaders, staff, nonprofit board members and members of an administrative authority working with a CASA/GAL program. This webinar also provides an opportunity for more experienced members of the network to review and deepen their knowledge of these cornerstone elements of CASA/GAL service.

Presenters: Kelly McDonald and Roxanne Mennes, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on January 25, 2023

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Tips and Technology: CASA/GAL Witness Testimony

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and CASA/GAL Volunteers

Description: Testifying in Court can be a daunting part of the CASA/GAL volunteer role. This webinar provides CASA/GAL volunteers and staff with guidelines for preparing for court, as well as testifying in person and via video conference. Attendees will hear information regarding common issues that may occur during a CASA/GAL volunteer's testimony.

Presenters: Mary K. Wimsett of the Florida Adoption Law Offices of Mary K. Wimsett
Recorded on February 22, 2023

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Guiding Principles: Standard 2 for Local Programs - National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff

Local CASA/GAL program leadership and staff attending this webinar will understand the concepts and requirements set forth in the Guiding Principles (Standard 2 of the Standards for Local CASA/GAL Programs). State CASA/GAL leadership and staff may also benefit in order to strengthen state level technical guidance and quality assurance activities.

Presenters: Roxanne Mennes, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on February 24, 2022

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Overview of the State Standards - Pillars 1 and 6 - National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

This webinar is an overview of two of the six Pillars of the Standards for State CASA/GAL Organizations. In this webinar, state CASA/GAL leadership and staff will receive an overview of the requirements of Pillar 1 – Mission and Values and Pillar 6 – Service to support their ability to apply the requirements in their own organizational practices.

Presenter: Kelly McDonald, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on February 27, 2023

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Screening and Background Checks- National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff and CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

Learn more about what is required for thorough screening and background checks for recruiting and retaining volunteer advocates, staff and nonprofit board members. This webinar will emphasize the importance of thorough screening and background checks for all those affiliated with a CASA/GAL program.

Presenter: Presenters: Kelly McDonald and Roxanne Mennes, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on March 22, 2023

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Effective Nonprofit Governance: Board Roles and Responsibilities - Governance Series

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and Board Members

The board governs the life of the organization. Its effectiveness is built upon a clear understanding of basic roles and responsibilities. The board has ultimate authority and responsibility and is accountable to relevant stakeholders and the public trust.

Boards have two fundamental obligations: To protect the assets of the organization (tangible and intangible) and ensure organizational sustainability (stewardship), and to ensure all activities are aligned with the mission and core values of the organization.

This session will delineate and clarify the legal duties, roles, and responsibilities of the board and of individual board members and explore ways to translate those responsibilities into meaningful actions.

Presenter: Tony Scucci, LMSW

Recorded on March 28, 2023

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Building a Constructive Partnership Between Board and Staff - Governance Series

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and Board Members

Exceptional boards govern in constructive partnership with the chief executive and staff, recognizing that the effectiveness of this relationship is interdependent. The board is a powerful force supporting the organization, and the best CEOs see their boards as a strategic asset. Chief executives and boards excel when they understand that they are mutually dependent on one another to create a successful organization. This session will provide clarity around respective roles for a constructive partnership as well as ways to build genuine trust and respect.

Presenter: David Styers, Senior Governance Consultant, Nonprofit Board Governance Consultants

Recorded on April 4, 2023

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Building a Powerful Board and Strong Board Leadership - Governance Series

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and Board Members

Building a powerful nonprofit board involves more than just filling spaces at the board table. It requires being strategic about identifying and cultivating potential candidates and then creating a culture of learning, engagement and leadership for all members. While the role of board chair is not for everyone, committing to and engaging board leaders is a critical step in building a powerful board. This session will consider the steps in the board-building cycle, introduce tools to engage board members and create a succession plan for board leadership.

Presenter: Susan Decker, Susan Decker Consulting
Recorded on April 11, 2023

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Building a High-Performing Board Culture- Governance Series

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and Board Members

Board dynamics, the interpersonal relations between board members and board and senior staff, are fundamental to the board's governing effectiveness. Boards with high levels of trust will engage in more robust discussions that can result in better leadership decisions—board member collaboration results in more positive impacts for the entire organization.

This session explains how Boards can create a culture that will foster engagement, trust and collaboration. It will provide nonprofit survey findings that show the difference that healthy culture has on governing. Participants will identify takeaways to strengthen the board culture at their organization.

Presenter: Jim Schwartz, Compass Development & Governance Group, Inc.
Recorded on April 18, 2023

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Advancing Education Rights, Ensuring Equal Access, and Addressing Barriers for Students in Care

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and CASA/GAL Volunteers

This webinar will discuss educational barriers that children in foster care face including educational instability, special education programming, and roadblocks to graduation.

Attendees will be equipped with strategies to comprehensively address individual and systemic barriers to quality public education using existing protections and strategies.

Presenter: Paige Joki, Esq., Staff Attorney, Education Law Center
Recorded on April 19, 2023

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Understanding the Nonprofit Landscape - Governance Series

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and Board Members

Understanding how the nonprofit landscape is understood and perceived is vital to successfully navigating the delivery of programs and the continued growth of an organization. During this webinar, programs will learn how the public perceives nonprofits, how to shape the narrative in a way that can focus on outcomes and important measures for empowering volunteers to speak about your work.

Presenter: Dave Sternberg, Loring, Sternberg & Associates
Recorded on April 25, 2023

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Building BRIDGES: Mentorship and Advocacy for Justice-Involved Youth

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff and CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

Attendees of this webinar will receive an introduction to the CASA for Children of DC BRIDGES program, gain insight into the foster care-to-prison pipeline and the intersection of childhood trauma and juvenile justice, understand the risk and protective factors of juvenile justice involvement and the unique needs of juvenile justice youth and recognize how positive engagement can help justice-involved youth to reduce recidivism.

CASA for Children of DC has been a leading voice for DC's youth in foster care for 20 years, training over 2,200 volunteers to serve more than 2,000 youth impacted by abuse and neglect. Recognizing that the "Foster Care to Prison Pipeline" is a reality that too many youths face, CASA DC formed the BRIDGES program in 2019 to provide best interest advocacy to DC's justice-involved youth, including dual jacket youth involved in both the child welfare and justice systems.

The BRIDGES program in Washington, DC was a National CASA/GAL Promising Practices Spotlight Award winner in 2022 for its work with dual-jacket cases.

Presenter: Paris Mercier, BRIDGES Program Manager and Allison Kahn -Pauli, Chief of Staff, CASA for Children of DC

Recorded on May 3, 2023

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Overview of the Standards for State CASA/GAL Organizations– Pilar 2: Leadership- National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

This webinar addresses the standards regarding leadership is the highest level of organizational staff to include the State Director and any executive staff.

The [Standards for State CASA/GAL Organizations](#) reflect National CASA/GAL’s focus on becoming a highly effective organization at the national, state and local levels in providing quality volunteer advocacy for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. One of the ways we achieve this across such a wide network is by having national standards and by providing training and technical assistance in support of the important work we do.

The state standards are a comprehensive compilation of vetted, sound practices for non-profit and publicly administered state organizations.

Presenter: Kelly McDonald, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on July 11, 2023

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Overview of the Standards for State CASA/GAL Organizations - Pillar 3: Funding, Legislation and Presence - National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

This webinar addresses the standards regarding the legislative language and financial resources needed to provide organizational stability along with the ability to influence decision-making in statewide forums.

Presenter: Kelly McDonald, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on July 26, 2023

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Creating Effective Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)- National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff and CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

The webinar attendee will gain knowledge about the memorandum of understanding, including its contents, inclusions, and best practices. You will also learn how to develop MOUs with courts, umbrella organizations, and auxiliaries. As part of the National CASA/GAL Association standards and membership renewal, an MOU is required with the court and any umbrella organization. Our goal is to provide you with guidance in creating effective MOUs.

Presenter: Liz Damski, Esq., National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on July 27, 2023

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How to Develop and Implement a Conflict-of-Interest Policy- National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff and CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

It's crucial for organizations to pay attention to conflicts of interest, as neglecting this can result in various issues, including ethical, legal, and operational problems. This informative session will help you understand the concept of conflict of interest, and the importance of having effective policies and practices in place. Specifically, the session will focus on conflict-of-interest considerations that are relevant to volunteers, staff, and board members in CASA/GAL organizations. The session will also cover best practices for drafting, training, and compliance. By the end of the session, CASA/GAL state organizations and local program staff will have the necessary.

Presenter: Liz Damski, Esq., National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on August 2, 2023

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Overview of the Standards for State CASA/GAL Organizations Pillar 4: Governance - National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

This webinar addresses the standards regarding the legislative language and financial resources needed to provide organizational stability along with the ability to influence decision-making in statewide forums.

Presenter: Kelly McDonald, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on August 10, 2023

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Social Media 101 for Nonprofits

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff and CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

This webinar includes practical tips and tools for extending your cause and mission via social media. We cover the basics of using social media for your nonprofit organization and give you handy tips for the “big 3:” Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Presenter: Kiersten Hill, Director of Nonprofit Solutions, Firespring
Recorded on August 17, 2023

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Overview of the Standards for State CASA/GAL Organizations Pillar 5: Staff- National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

This webinar addresses the standards regarding personnel, paid or unpaid, to carry out daily operations.

Presenter: Kelly McDonald, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on August 24, 2023

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Standard 8 for Local Programs: Volunteer Administration - National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff

Are you interested in learning more about recruiting, screening, supervising and retaining volunteer advocates? Then you won't want to miss this webinar on the required elements of practice for these critical tasks. You'll come away with a deeper understanding of the CASA/GAL standards related to volunteer administration.

Presenter: Roxanne Mennes, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on August 29, 2023

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Charting Your Path to Success: A Strategic Growth Planning Workshop

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff and CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

Learn from Kim Colby Davis, the National CASA/GAL Program Director of the Year for 2023, as she shares her strategies for successful growth planning. This webinar is designed to help CASA/GAL program leaders and managers develop effective strategies for achieving growth and improving program outcomes.

Participants will learn how to analyze historical program data, identify areas for growth and improvement, and use an org chart as a powerful tool for planning and implementing growth strategies. In addition, attendees will explore best practices for developing and executing an effective implementation plan, as well as practical tools and resources they can use to improve their programs' performance. Whether you are a new program manager looking to jump-start your growth, or a seasoned leader seeking to take your program to the next level, this webinar is an essential resource for anyone who wants to build a stronger, more effective CASA/GAL program.

Presenter: Kim Colby Davis, Executive Director, CASA of Santa Barbara County
Recorded on September 6, 2023

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Creating a Culture of Excellence in CASA/GAL Programs: Performance Management for CASA/GAL Volunteer Supervisors

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff

This presentation is for anyone involved in managing the Volunteer Supervisors (Advocate Supervisors) in CASA/GAL programs. This webinar will explore the principles of effective performance management and provide practical tips for setting goals, giving feedback, addressing performance issues, and celebrating successes. Attendees will learn how effective performance management can lead to program growth to ultimately serve more children in need. With real-life examples and scenarios, this workshop offers actionable tools and resources that attendees can use immediately to enhance their role as Executive Director, Program Director, or other team leaders and ensure program success. Volunteer Supervisors can also benefit from learning tools that they can use in the supervision of volunteers.

Presenter: Kim Colby Davis, Executive Director, CASA of Santa Barbara County
Recorded on September 20, 2023

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Standard 5 for Local Programs: Local Program Governance and Administration - National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff

Local CASA/GAL program leadership and staff, please join us for a Local Program Governance and Administration Webinar. You will better understand the requirements for the governance and administration of a local program (Standard 5). The participants will learn about the required elements of practice for nonprofit, publicly administered and those programs under an umbrella organization. Topics will also include selected elements of practice related to local program leadership and internal controls (Standard 6).

Presenter: Roxanne Mennes, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on September 25, 2023

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Public Education, Awareness and Outreach Planning- National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff and CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

Join fellow National CASA/GAL Network members to understand state organization and local program CASA/GAL standards requirements for public education, awareness and outreach plans (PECAP or PIOE). You will learn more about how these required plans support the recruitment of volunteers and advocacy efforts on behalf of youth.

Presenter: Roxanne Mennes and Kelly McDonald, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on October 4, 2023

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Creating a Gender Inclusive Environment in Child Welfare Systems

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and CASA/GAL Volunteers

Presented by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation

There are between 1.5 to 2 times as many LGBTQ youth living in foster care as LGBTQ youth living outside of foster care. LGBTQ youth have a higher average number of foster care placements and are more likely to be living in a group home. Understanding the prevalence of children in the child welfare system who are LGBTQ youth and how to advocate for the needs of this population will be considered during the webinar. You will learn about transgender inclusion, including gender identity and expression, transgender, non-binary and gender-expansive identities and experiences; learn ways to create a gender-inclusive agency environment through policy and practice change; and explore language and behaviors that are welcoming and affirming to youth and adults with diverse gender identities and expressions.

Presenter: Phii Regis, MPS, ACAF Deputy Director, Human Rights Campaign Foundation
Recorded on October 11, 2023

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Ten Strategies to Improve Volunteer Retention

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff

This webinar will explore volunteer retention and provide attendees with 10 actionable items to enhance volunteer retention in their program. Did you know that on average, only 65% of volunteers continue their service in non-profit organizations? This means that 1 out of 3 volunteers leave before completing their expected service. However, we can take action to improve volunteer retention by implementing effective strategies in our CASA/GAL programs. Attend this session and learn 10 actionable ways to enhance volunteer retention in your program.

Presenter: Sarah Mackey, National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on October 18, 2023

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Understanding Relationships and Their Importance to Early Childhood Development

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and CASA/GAL Volunteers

Presented by [Zero to Three](#)

Webinar participants will understand how relationships play a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of a child's development. From the earliest moments of life, the interactions children have with caregivers and their surrounding environment form the foundation for their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. This webinar, tailored for CASA/GAL staff and volunteers, delves deep into the intertwined nature of relationships and development in the early years. Leveraging the considerable expertise of Zero to Three, the content ensures a comprehensive understanding and actionable insights for CASA/GAL staff and volunteers.

Presenter: Mike Sherman, Psy.D., Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Clinical Manager, National Infant Toddler Court Team Program
Recorded on October 25, 2023

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Mental Health Essentials Part One: Foundations of Mental Health

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, State Organization Staff and CASA/GAL Volunteers

Presented by [Mental Health Collaborative](#)

This webinar is part one of a two-part webinar series with the Mental Health Collaborative, where they will present evidence-based training tailored for CASA/GAL staff and CASA/GAL volunteers. Dive deep into the core tenets of Mental Health Literacy, encompassing essential topics like combating stigma, gaining insights into mental illnesses, advocating for positive mental health, and navigating the roadmap to professional support. As an added bonus, this webinar will equip you with invaluable strategies to safeguard your own mental well-being as you advocate for others. Gain insights from seasoned clinicians who'll spearhead these webinars, ensuring an insightful learning experience.

Presenters: Sue Hanly, MSN, RN and Arti, Kumar-Jain, Ph.D Candidate, MCHC, M.Ed., Mental Health Collaborative

Recorded on November 2, 2023

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Mental Health Essentials Part Two: Strategies to Support & Promote Mental Health

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and CASA/GAL Volunteers

Presented by [Mental Health Collaborative](#)

This webinar is part one of a two-part webinar series with the Mental Health Collaborative, where they will present evidence-based training tailored for CASA/GAL staff and CASA/GAL volunteers. Dive deep into the core tenets of Mental Health Literacy, encompassing essential topics like combating stigma, gaining insights into mental illnesses, advocating for positive mental health, and navigating the roadmap to professional support. As an added bonus, this webinar will equip you with invaluable strategies to safeguard your own mental well-being as you advocate for others. Gain insights from seasoned clinicians who'll spearhead these webinars, ensuring an insightful learning experience.

Presenters: Sue Hanly, MSN, RN and Arti, Kumar-Jain, Ph.D Candidate, MCHC, M.Ed., Mental Health Collaborative

Recorded on November 16, 2023

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Conflicts of Interest and Confidentiality- National CASA/GAL Standards Webinars

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff and CASA/GAL State Organization Staff

Join us for our Conflicts of Interest and Confidentiality webinar, where members of the CASA/GAL network will learn about the local and state standards requirements for Conflicts of Interest and Confidentiality policies and how to apply them. Participants will learn what constitutes a real or perceived conflict of interest, how to apply confidentiality guidance, and why it matters. Participants will explore challenges and solutions related to conflicts of interest and confidentiality.

Presenter: Roxanne Mennes, Kelly McDonald and Liz Damski Esq., National CASA/GAL Association
Recorded on December 6, 2023

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Through the Eyes of the Child: Exploring Protective Factors and Supporting Resiliency

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff, CASA/GAL State Organization Staff and CASA/GAL Volunteers

Presented by [Zero to Three](#)

Gain valuable insight from a unique perspective – that of a child. This webinar will provide a view, from a child’s perspective, of the challenges, vulnerabilities, but most importantly, the resilience inherent within young children. Young children, especially those who’ve experienced maltreatment and the complexities of foster care, navigate their world with a unique lens, influenced by both trauma and hope. This webinar by Zero to Three highlights the distinction between typical development and the effects of adverse experiences. With a strong emphasis on innovative trauma-informed strategies and the importance of cultural humility, this webinar will empower CASA/GAL staff and volunteers in their advocacy roles. Participants will leave the webinar with strategies to support CASA/GAL advocacy for young children and their families.

Presenter: Mike Sherman, Psy.D., Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Clinical Manager, National Infant Toddler Court Team Program
Recorded on December 13, 2023

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Five Judges: Five Questions. Effective Strategies for Existing Local Programs to Build Strong Relationships with New Judges

Audience: CASA/GAL Local Program Staff

This informative webinar includes a panel of five judges working with CASA/GAL programs in rural, suburban, and urban programs. This facilitated discussion will include judicial input regarding building relationships with a new judge or new court. Judges will discuss barriers and resolutions to common barriers between the court and CASA/GAL programs, how judges can influence volunteer retention, building continuity with CASA/GAL programs, and judges new to their child welfare assignment.

Moderator:

Honorable Darlene Byrne, Chief Justice, Third Court of Appeals, Austin, TX

Panelists:

Honorable Valeri Love, Chief Juvenile Judge, Lane County Circuit Court, OR

Honorable Ana España, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, San Diego Superior Court, CA

Honorable Laurie A. Clark, Juvenile Court Judge, Denver Juvenile Court, CO

Honorable Mark Calvert, Associate Circuit & Family Court Judge, 25th Judicial Circuit of MO

Honorable Sheila Calloway, Juvenile Court Judge, Davidson, TN

Recorded on December 15, 2023

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