CASA TRAINING

In 2023 and 2024, we will offer our training courses in a few different formats to accommodate the schedules of volunteers. All of our training classes cover the same topics, and include some outside "homework" and the writing of a court report. The differences are in the length of the session (8 weeks or 10 weeks), the amount of outside "homework," and the use of either virtual class meetings on Zoom or in-person classes at the CASA training room in Springfield.

The **8-week** course has 8 class meetings, which meet once a week for 3.5 hours. In addition, there are four online units of work to be completed. The online component (called "Moodle"), includes short articles, video clips, and questions for the trainee to answer on an online discussion board. Each Moodle unit requires approximately three hours of work outside of class. The final assignment in the course is to write a court report on a mock case. Trainees will write their court report in parts over several weeks, with feedback from the training coordinators along the way.

The **10-week** course has 10 class meetings, which meet once a week for 3.5 hours. There is only a small amount of outside "homework," usually no more than a half-hour reading assignment per week. The final assignment in the course is to write a court report on a mock case. Trainees will write their court report in parts over several weeks, with feedback from the training coordinators along the way.

FALL 2023 CASA TRAINING

8-Week In-Person Training, Sept 28-Nov 16. Thursday evenings from 5:00-8:30 pm.

2023 final training session of the year:

Fall 2023: 8-Week In-Person Training, Sept 28-Nov 16, 2023. Thursday evenings, from 5:00-8:30pm. All class meetings will be held in person. We will offer the option of people joining class virtually when necessary (due to illness, travel, or living in distant rural area), but the expectation is that people will attend in-person when possible. There will be online "Moodle" units to complete outside of class; each Moodle unit takes approximately 3 hours a week.

**Application deadline Sept. 1, 2023





2024 CASA TRAINING

Winter 2024: 8-Week Virtual & In-Person Training, Jan. 18 to March 7. Thursday evenings, 5:00-8:30 pm. Four of the class meetings will meet in person (1/18; 2/1; 2/29; 3/7), and four classes will be held on Zoom (1/25; 2/8; 2/15; 2/22). There will be an online "Moodle" component.

**Application deadline Dec. 19, 2023

Spring 2024: 10-Week In-Person Training, April 3 to June 5. Wednesday evenings, 5:00-8:30 pm. All of the classes will be held in person at the CASA Training Room in Springfield.

**Application deadline March 13, 2024

Summer 2024: 8-Week Virtual & In-Person Training, July 11 to Aug. 29. Thursday evenings, 5:00-8:30 pm. The first and last class will meet in person (7/11 & 8/29), and the other six classes will be held on Zoom (7/18; 7/25; 8/1; 8/8; 8/15; 8/22). There will be an online "Moodle" component.

**Application deadline June 14, 2024

Fall 2024: 10-Week In-Person Training, Sept. 25 to Nov. 20. Wednesday evenings, 5:00-8:30 pm, and one Saturday class (10/12, 9:00am-12:30pm). All of the classes will be held in person at the CASA Training Room in Springfield.

**Application deadline Sept. 4, 2024

CASA TRAINING

Some of the topics you will learn about in training include:

- CASA's Role
- Court Process
- Oregon Dept. of Human Services--Overview
- Foster Care
- Child Abuse
- Early Child Development
- Individual Education Plans (IEPs), Resources for Children with Special Needs
- Substance Abuse & Addictions
- Sexual Abuse
- Domestic Violence

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