

Building Connections for Children: CASA and the Courts

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*Presenters: Lelia Baum Hopper, Director, Court Improvement Program
Hon. Nolan B. Dawkins, Judge, Alexandria JDR Court*

- “Integrating CASA into the Permanency Planning Process Memorandum” by the Honorable Denis F. Soden, Judge, Henrico JDR District Court
- National CASA Training Manual, Chapter 2: Unit 6, “The Juvenile Court Process” Pgs. 33-35
- CASA Outline of Legal Issues
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CASA Leadership and Community Collaboration for Children and Families

*Presenters: Hon. Stephen W. Rideout, Judge (Ret.) Alexandria JDR Court
Lynda Williams, Executive Director, Fairfax CASA
Meloni Hinnant, Recruitment and Training Manager, Fairfax CASA*

- PowerPoint – “12 Rules of Leadership in Changing Times” by the Honorable Stephen W. Rideout, Judge (ret.) Alexandria JDR District Court
- PowerPoint – “Recruitment and Retention of CASA Volunteers” by Lynda Williams, Executive Director, Fairfax CASA, and Meloni Hinnant, Recruitment and Training Manager, Fairfax CASA

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Confidentiality: Sharing and Accessing Case Records

Presenters: Melissa O’Neill, State CASA Program Coordinator

Thomas Beck, Esq., Fairfax

Sharon S. England, Esq., Richmond

Resource: Hon. Anita D. Filson, Judge, Staunton/Augusta JDR Court

- Statutes - Article 5: Court Appointed Special Advocate Program
- Rules and Regulations Relating to the Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program
- PowerPoint – “Medical Records Confidentiality” by Thomas Beck
- Sample Consents to Release Information
 - CASA of the 5th Judicial District
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 - Alexandria/Arlington CASA
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 - Colonial CASA
 - Fairfax CASA
 - Henrico CASA
 - CASA of the New River Valley
 - Piedmont CASA
 - Rappahannock Area CASA
- “The Court Appointed Special Advocate and Confidentiality” Outline and Statutes by Sharon S. England, Esquire
- National CASA Training Manual, Chapter 2: Unit 5, “Confidentiality” Pgs. 29-31

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Legal Connections: How CASA Works the Court, Attorneys, and the Local Social Services Agency

Presenters: John Oliver, Esq. Chesapeake City Attorney’s Office

Edan Griffin, Social Worker, Chesterfield Dept. of Social Services

Louis Harrison, Esq. GAL/ Parent’s Attorney, Bedford

Resource: Hon. Nolan B. Dawkins, Judge, Alexandria JDR Court

- Questions Submitted in Advance by Registered Attendees
- Va Code §9.1-153. Volunteer court-appointed advocates; power and duties; assignment; qualifications; training
- National CASA Training Manual, Chapter 2: Unit 4, “Who are the Participants in a Case?” Pgs. 24-27
- Form DC-514 – Order for Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem
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Moderator: Hon. Anita D. Filson, Judge, Staunton/Augusta JDR Court

Presenters: Cathy Roessler, Social Worker, Charlottesville Dept. of Social Services

Scott Landry, Esq. GAL, Chesterfield

Cecelia Smith, CSA Coordinator, Richmond

John Oliver, Esq. Chesapeake City Attorney’s Office

- Permanency Planning Goals in Child Dependency Cases
- “Five Key Questions For Successful Permanency Planning” by Sue Badeau
- “How to Review a Youth’s Case Record...With an Eye Towards Permanency” by Sue Badeau
- “Tips for Successful Adoption/Permanency Action Meetings” by Sue Badeau
- “When a Teen Says ‘No’ to Permanence” by Sue Badeau
- “Individual Planning Worksheet” by Sue Badeau
- Foster Care Placements for Teens, Richmond Department of Social Services
- Independent Living Services for Older Teens – Forms, Richmond Department of Social Services
- General IL Program Benefits, Richmond Department of Social Services
- Independent Living Costs, Albemarle/Charlottesville Department of Social Services
- Independent Living Funding Sources, Albemarle/Charlottesville Department of Social Services
- “Aging out of Foster Care: Research Trends & Tips”, *Child Law Practice*
- “Listening to Youth”, *Child Law Practice*, July 2005
- “Seven Developmental Needs of Adolescents”, *Child Law Practice*, September 2000
- “Adolescents’ Conflicting Feelings about Permanency”, *Child Law Practice*, January 2006
- “How Prepared are Virginia’s Young Adults for Life after Foster Care?”, *Voices for Virginia’s Children*, November 2005

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- “So you’re 18: a handbook on your legal rights and responsibilities”
Source: Virginia State Bar, July 2006
- Brochures on Virginia Independent Living Program for Foster Care Youth
 1. Who is Eligible for Services?
 2. Education and Training VouchersSource: Virginia Department of Social Services

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- Conference Evaluation Form – Blue
- Children in Foster Care on May 1, 2007: A Demographic Profile for the State and Selected Localities - Yellow
- Travel Voucher and Instructions

Materials Provided to Each CASA Program Director

- *A Guide For Mandated Reporters In Recognizing And Reporting Child Abuse And Neglect*, Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services
- Brochures on Child Protective Services
 1. Appeals and Hearings
 2. A Guide to Family Assessment
 3. A Guide for School Employees
 4. A Guide to Investigative Procedures
 5. Recognizing, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect in Virginia
- *Making It Permanent: Reasonable Efforts to Finalize Permanency Plans for Foster Children* Cecilia Fiermonte and Jennifer L. Renne, ABA Center on Children and the Law
- *“Speak for Me”...without your help, I have no voice, Fairfax CASA.*