



## **CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR CASAs**

All CASAs are required to complete 1 unit of continuing education credit each month after they have graduated.

Continuing education is defined as training that provides the CASAs with knowledge directly related to strengthening their CASA skills, such as attachment disorder, trauma informed care, education advocacy, etc..

We encourage CASAs to utilize a variety of types of continuing education each year.

### **Types of Continuing Education**

#### Child Advocate Sponsored Training

Training's organized and sponsored by Child Advocates. Topics will be of specific use for the CASA role.

- Attendees will receive hour-for-hour credit.
- CASAs will be notified of up-coming workshops either by e-mail and CASA News.
- The Training Director will enter attendance credit into CASA Tracker.

#### External Organization Training

Trainings organized and sponsored by external organizations such as DFCS, EMQ, a community college, the DV Council, etc., and pre-approved by their Specialist or Mentor at Child Advocates. The topics must be of specific use to CASAs.

- Attendees will receive hour-for-hour credit.
- These trainings will be advertised via CASA News.
- The CASA is responsible for contacting the Specialist/Mentor about receiving credit and the Specialist/mentor will be responsible for entering the CEUs it into CASA Tracker.

#### College Courses

Semester or quarter long class offered by a college or university. The subject matter must be relevant to the CASA role and CASAs must attain approval from their Specialist/ Mentor to receive credit.

- The CASA must bring the course to the Specialist/Mentor's attention.
- Course attendees will receive the 12 hours of continuing education credit.
- The Specialist/Mentor will be responsible for entering the CEUs into CASA Tracker.



### Discussion Groups

Specialist/Mentor lead groups of CASAs for discussion of topics relevant to the CASA role and exchange of best practices. This may include short general trainings on specific topics, new office or court procedures, etc., and focuses mainly on issues related to the participants' cases.

- The CASA will receive hour for hour credit.
- Discussion groups are advertised through email and CASA News.
- The Specialist /Mentor will record attendance in CASA Tracker.

### Independent Study

Study by a CASA through articles and web research of a particular issue involved in his or her specific case (attention deficit disorder, etc.). The CASA must gain pre-approval from the Specialist/mentor to receive credit.

- Plan of study will be decided jointly by the CASA and Specialist/Mentor.
- Credit given will be determined through conversation with the Specialist/ Mentor.
- The Specialist/Mentor will enter the CEUs into CASA Tracker upon completion of the study.

### TV/DVDs

Netflix movies and TV-based programs may be pre-approved for credit by a Specialist/Mentor. A list of approved commercial movies is available through your Specialist/Mentor, and will be updated periodically.

- Approved TV/videos will be given hour-for-hour credit.
- The Specialist/Mentor will enter the total CEUs into CASA Tracker once notified by the CASA.

### Books

A book list of pre-approved topics for credit is available through your Specialist/Mentor. Titles not on the list must be pre-approved as relevant for the CASA role.

- Credit will be given as follows:
  - One-hour credit for books less than or equal to 100 pages,
  - Two hours credit for books 101-200 pages,
  - Three hours credit for books over 300 pages.
- The Specialist/Mentor will enter the CEUs in CASA Tracker upon notice of completion by the CASA.