

Our six-week pre-service training to becoming an Advocate.



Orientation

In the first group meeting, you will meet team members, learn their roles, get an overview of the online case management system, the CASA of Terrebonne program, and receive guidance on completing online assignments.



Session 1: Your Role as a CASA

In Session 1, CASA volunteers learn about their roles, responsibilities, key figures in cases, and types of documents encountered.



Session 2: Communication

Session 2 will cover effective communication as an advocate, how to gather fact-based information, elements needed for a child's security, how to monitor progress across age groups, and participate in a group case study.



Session 3: Self - Care & Sound Judgment

In Session 3, we learn about healthy coping strategies to prevent burnout and set personal boundaries in a new role. We explore the different trauma types, their impact on children and adults, and the resilience of children. We will participate in a second case study.



Session 4: Initiative & Cultural Competence

Session 4 emphasizes self-motivation, independent work, showcasing self-awareness, managing personal biases and values in diverse collaborations. We explore cultural impacts on behaviors and participate in a final case study together.



Session 5: Foundation of Knowledge

We review your first court report that you completed for your online work. We discuss your next steps after swearing-in as an advocate. Finally, a guest speaker will discuss the impact of having a CASA volunteer on their case.