

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

CASA for Children of Klamath County

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

April showers bring May flowers

Happy Spring!

In classic Klamath County fashion we received a nice blanket of snow on the first day of April!

We have a handful of exciting events happening this month and we hope you'll join if you're able. April is Child Abuse Prevention month and Day of Hope is on April 2nd. Also on that day is the second annual Klamath County LADPC Understanding Trauma Summit at the Ross Ragland Theater. This is an all-day event (8:00am-5:00pm). The CASA Office will be closed so we can all attend. This is an awesome continued education opportunity. We hope to see you there!

Currently, we have a very exciting raffle going on for four (4) tickets to a Seattle Mariners game! Tickets are \$25 a piece or \$20 a piece if you buy 5. There are only 100 tickets available, so your chances of winning are really high! And the best part? All the proceeds will help us support kids in foster care who really need a voice. More details and purchasing information available at: bit.ly/CASA_MarinersRaffle.

To celebrate National Volunteer Week, we are throwing a day-long Volunteer Appreciation Party on April 22nd! Event details can be found on page 5. If you're planning on joining us for lunch, please RSVP at: bit.ly/CASAparty.

We have included a letter from our OCN Director, Kat Hendrix, discussing the loss of 1.7 million dollars to the Oregon CASA programs. We encourage you to contact our representatives and advocate for the important work we do.

April may be National Volunteer Month, but we so appreciate all that you do to make our program a success all year long.

We hope to see you all in the office for our Volunteer Appreciation Party!

Warmly,

Karin Mirandé

Klamath County LADPC presents the 2nd Annual

Understanding Trauma Summit



Featured Speakers

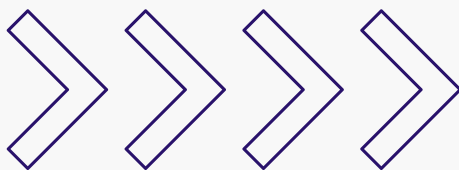
Derek Clark, Jared Nesary, Matt Quackenbush, Lydia Baratholow, **AND MORE!**

April 2nd, 2025, 8:00am-5:00pm

**Location: Ross Ragland Theater
218 N 7th St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601**

LADPC invites you to join us for a day filled with national and local speakers. This in-person event will bring together experts in the field to share their knowledge and experiences. Whether you're a professional looking to expand your understanding or someone personally affected by trauma, this summit is for you. Come learn, connect, and grow with us as we delve into the complexities of trauma and its impact on individuals and communities.

Reserve your spot with the QR code or at
understandingtraumasummit.eventbrite.com



Contact Miranda Hill mhill@klamathcounty.org with any questions.

Win four (4) tickets to a Seattle Mariners game



4 TICKETS
\$400
VALUE!

PURCHASE TICKETS >>> bit.ly/CASA_MarinersRaffle



\$25/TICKET
\$100/5 TICKETS



Only 100 tickets available!

Drawing Date: **April 22**



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

As a thank you to our incredible, dedicated volunteers, we are throwing a day-long celebration in honor of you!

We will have various fare and events throughout the day so join us for everything or drop in as you're able.

**04
22
2025**

10a - 12p
**Coffee
Round Table**

Enjoy coffee and pastries with current CASAs and Staff

Current CASAs Welcome

12p - 2p
**Luncheon
+ Awards**

Let us treat you to lunch while we present this year's CASA Awards

Current CASAs Welcome

5:30p - 7p
**Conversations
with CASA**

Grab a friend and learn more about CASA and what we do

Current + Prospective CASAs Welcome

All events held at the CASA Office | 731 Main Street, Suite #202

RSVP: bit.ly/CASAparty



PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

March 18, 2025

Federal Community Project Funding Loss Underscores Needs of Foster Children

CASA programs in Oregon face difficult decisions due to a loss of \$1.7 million in federal funding. In the continuing resolution budget passed by Congress on Friday, March 14, 2024, all community project funding from the FY 2025 budget was eliminated. The Oregon CASA Network was slated to receive a \$1,700,000 earmark to support 19 Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs advocate for children in foster care in Oregon.

CASA programs have historically received Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding; however, this funding source was eliminated in past years. The goal of the community project funding was to allow CASA programs in Oregon to continue serving children while also developing a more permanent solution to funding challenges. Now the loss of federal funding puts advocacy for children in foster care in peril.

“Cuts to community project funding in the federal spending bill now leave CASA programs facing difficult decisions that will directly impact our ability to advocate for children and youth in foster care due to abuse or neglect,” said Kat Hendrix, Executive Director of the Oregon CASA Network. “CASA volunteers do a very challenging job to advocate for children in foster care. They are trained and supported by professional staff members. Losing this funding will mean that most CASA programs will not have sufficient funds to support the people already doing this important work, let alone expand to serve more children.”

Every 30 CASA volunteers are supported by one staff member. Each volunteer advocates for one child or sibling group in foster care. Losing just one staff member in a CASA program

could result in as many as sixty children or more not receiving best-interest advocacy that supports their path of finding a safe, permanent home and their overall well-being.

“CASA volunteers make a huge impact for children,” says Hendrix. “Having the consistent support of one trusted adult dramatically decreases the impact of adverse childhood experiences which has life-long positive results. Children and youth in foster care are at risk of losing this benefit that so dramatically improves their lives.”

There are two bills being considered by the Oregon State Legislature this session that could have a positive impact for CASA programs in Oregon. HB 5002 and HB3196 have both received bipartisan support.

“I encourage every Oregonian who cares about children in foster care to contact their local legislator,” says Hendrix. “Children and youth in foster care are depending on us.”

About Oregon CASA Network

Oregon CASA Network, an affiliate of the National CASA Association, is the statewide organization supporting Oregon’s 19 local CASA programs.

The mission is to support and unite local CASA programs to promote volunteer advocacy on behalf of children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect by:

- Promoting awareness of Oregon’s CASA programs, CASA volunteers, and children who have experienced abuse or neglect.
- Supporting local program offices (capacity-building, training, technical assistance, collaboration, pass-through funding).
- Working with the National CASA/GAL Network to support strategic expansion and development of CASA programs.

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2025 CASA Pre-Service Training

All training takes place online from
5:30PM - 8:00PM PST.



May Schedule

5/6	Chapter 1	Volunteer Role, Competencies, Parameters, Child Welfare Law/System
5/8	Chapter 2	Children's Needs, Attachment, MSL, Best Interest, Abuse and Neglect
5/13	Chapter 2.5	ACES, Communication, Interview, Effective Recommendations
5/15	Chapter 4	Mental Illness, Poverty, Confidentiality, Case Notes
5/20	Chapter 5	Substance Abuse, Culture, Diversity
5/22	Chapter 6	Domestic Violence, Culture and Perceptions, Advocacy
5/27	Chapter 7	Resilience, Concurrent Planning, Educational Challenges, Advocacy Across Ages, LGBTQ Youth
5/29	Chapter 8	Review, Local Documents, Panel of Volunteers, Support

Note: Training dates that land on holidays will be offered as independent study or makeup.

In addition to the virtual classroom sessions and some work on your own, prior to case assignment, you will need to have at least 3 court hearing observations and tour the DHS Office.

Virtual Hours: 20
Pre-Work Hours: 10

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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Conferences

- **LADPC Understanding Trauma Summit**
Ross Ragland Theater

Articles

- **[Volunteering and its Surprising Benefits*](#)**
By Jeanne Segal, Ph.D. and Lawrence Robinson

Resources

- **[Klamath County Library Events*](#)**

**Clickable Link*

Please remember to track your educational hours on Optima.



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IMPORTANT DATES

April

- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Month of Hope
- 4/1 April Fools' Day
- 4/2 Day of Hope
Understanding Trauma Summit
CASA Office Closed
- 4/6-12 Crime Victims' Rights Week
- 4/12 Passover
- 4/13 Meet the Easter Bunny @
Ross Ragland Theater
- 4/16 ACEs Training @ the Library
- 4/19 Easter Egg Hunt @ Moore Park
- 4/20 Easter
- 4/20-26 National Volunteer Week
- 4/22 Volunteer Appreciation Party
Earth Day

May

- 5/6 Pre-Service Training Begins

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/6 Kami Mirande
- 4/24 Nicole McDougal
- 4/26 Jeanette Rutherford

