

CANO WEBSITE: Accessing Online CASA Training Options

National CASA Association

http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPisE/b.5301325/k.B550/Advocacy_Resources.htm

Following is an overview list of the resources that can be found on the National CASA Association website.

ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE	
Publications and Trainings – National CASA	Webinar (September 2012): “Psychotropic Drugs 101: Psychedelic Shack...Is That Where It’s At?”
	The Connection magazine (Fall 2007): Family Treatment Courts and Substance Abuse (2.8 MB PDF)
	Podcast (November 2009): The Effects of Methamphetamine on Children
Websites	Addiction Center Information about most common types of substance abuse and profiles of some treatment centers.
	Addiction Links Page This comprehensive site provides links to virtually every relevant topic on substance abuse, as well as links to fact sheets and statistics.
	Drugstory.org and theantidrug.com This site provides information and statistic on drug use. It also contains extensive information on individual drugs and classes of drugs.
	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Support Site This site offers content and information geared toward parents, social workers and others involved in a child's life.
	National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare NCSACW works to develop knowledge and provide technical assistance to federal, state and local agencies to improve outcomes for families with substance use disorders in the child welfare and family court systems.
	National Institute on Drug Abuse This site focuses on the science of drug abuse and addiction.
	Recovery Connection This site describes substance abuse and gives information on hotlines, support groups, detox treatment and intervention.
	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration This site includes new forms of treatment, general information and publications, and offers a link to area professionals.

ADOPTION	
Publications and Trainings – National CASA	<i>The Connection</i> magazine (Winter 2010): Foster Care Adoption , includes a list of Foster Care Adoption Resources.
	January 2010 <i>Judges' Page</i> newsletter, "International Solutions for Connecting US Foster Care Children with Families"

ADOPTION

	<p>Teen Adoption Part One: Jen Braun and Michelle Chalmers from Ampersand Families discuss teen adoption.</p> <p>Teen Adoption Part Two: Jen Braun and Michelle Chalmers from Ampersand Families discuss teen adoption.</p> <p>Evaluating Out-of-Home Placements: A list of things to consider when evaluating a home</p>
Publications – National CASA	The Search Institute, 1994: Adopted Kids Fare Well
Website	<p>Child Welfare Information Gateway</p> <p>Child Welfare League of America</p> <p>Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute</p> <p>Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption</p> <p>Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative</p> <p>National Adoption Center</p> <p>National Council for Adoption</p> <p>Orphan Foundation</p>

CHILD WELFARE

Websites	<p>American Humane Association Network of individuals and organizations working to prevent cruelty, abuse, neglect and exploitation of children and animals and to assure that their interests and wellbeing are met.</p> <p>American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children APSAC works to ensure that everyone affected by child maltreatment receives a professional response by providing scholarly and clinical materials.</p> <p>Child Welfare Information Gateway Child Welfare Information Gateway provides access to information and resources to help protect children and strengthen families. Visit often for the latest on a wide range of topics from prevention to permanency, including child welfare, child abuse and neglect, foster care and adoption.</p> <p>CWLA: Child Abuse - Facts and Figures</p> <p>ChildTrauma Academy This organization works to improve the lives of traumatized and maltreated children by identifying best practices in child protection through evaluation of research in child development.</p> <p>Children Now Children Now utilizes research and the mass media to make children a top priority across the country.</p> <p>Missing and Exploited Children's Training Programs This website lists courses offered on many topics related to child welfare and serves law enforcement, social workers, prosecutors, judges, probation officers, and elected officials.</p> <p>National Center for Missing and Exploited Children This website offers success stories, educational resources, and current events.</p>
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CHILD WELFARE

	<p>National Children's Advocacy Center This agency provides prevention, intervention, and treatment services to physically and sexually abused children and their families.</p>
	<p>Prevent Child Abuse American PCA America is a nationally recognized organization for the prevention of child abuse through media, training and technical assistance.</p>
	<p>Voices for America's Children Voices is a nationwide network of child advocacy organizations working at the level of America's statehouses, county commissions, and city councils.</p>

COMMUNICATION

Podcast	<p>Intercultural Communication: Kali Scolnick, educator and intercultural consultant, discusses the importance of intercultural communication.</p>
National CASA Training Videos	<p>Interviewing Skills: Talking with a 4-year-old child: Observe some of the strategies and techniques that a volunteer may wish to use in order to break the ice with a caregiver and a pre-school-aged child</p>
	<p>Interviewing Skills: Talking with a 10-year-old child: Observe some of the strategies and techniques that a volunteer incorporates as she attempts to build rapport with a pre-teen youth.</p>
National CASA Conference Resources	<p>Confidentiality: Tips for obtaining records and a case study on confidentiality</p>
Websites	<p>Association for Conflict Resolution ACR is a professional organization dedicated to enhancing the practice and public understanding of conflict resolution.</p>
	<p>CR Info: The Conflict Resolution Information Source This site provides extensive information about conflict resolution, including articles and resources on more than 600 topics.</p>
	<p>Center for Adult English Language Acquisition CAELA's mission is to assist states with emerging populations who are learning English as a second language (ESL).</p>
	<p>Center for Applied Linguistics This site provides resources for a better understanding of culture through languages.</p>

CULTURAL COMPETENCE/DIVERSITY/INCLUSION

National CASA Commitment	<p>Read more about National CASA's commitment to equity for children.</p>
	<p>Download the Institutional Bias Checklist for Volunteers (331 KB PDF).</p>
Publications: Working with Native Families	<p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Winter 2009): Serving American Indian/Alaska Native Children in Foster Care (1.3 MB PDF)</p>
	<p><i>The Judges' Page</i> newsletter (April 2004): Indian Child Welfare Act Issue (141 KB PDF)</p>
	<p><i>The Judges' Page</i> newsletter (July 2010): Native American Children Involved in the Dependency Court</p>

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	<p><u>Passports for Native Children: A Best-Practice Approach for Tribal Advocates Working with Native Children Who Have Suffered Abuse (175 KB PDF)</u></p> <p><u>The Baby Veronica Case: A Judge's Perspective</u>: Summary of the case and its implications for CASA programs by Judge J. Dean Lewis</p>
Publications: Working with Native Families	<p><u>Being Black Is Not a Risk Factor: A Strengths-Based Look at the State of the Black Child</u>, published by the National Black Child Development Institute</p> <p><u>Seven Important Facts CASA/GAL Volunteers Need to Know When Advocating for Children of Color</u></p>
Publications: Working with Multiracial Youth	<p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Spring 2004): <u>Multiracial Youth in Care</u></p>
Publications: Working with Rural Populations	<p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Spring 2005): <u>Advocating for Children in Rural Areas</u> (1.8 MB PDF)</p> <p><u>Rural Diversity: A Training Asset</u>: Authored by National CASA Training Specialist Terene Bennet, 2010</p>
Publications: Working with LGBTQ Youth	<p>Four local and state program directors share their successes and challenges with implementing initiatives to better the lives of <u>LGBT youth in care</u>.</p> <p><u>Always My Son</u>: This short documentary video shows the journey from struggle to support of diverse families with LGBT children. Created by the <u>Family Acceptance Project</u> at San Francisco State University.</p> <p><u>LGBTQ Resources and Bibliography</u>: Compiled by National CASA's Training Department. Includes listing of family and school resources and resources for LGBT youth.</p> <p>Listen to a National CASA podcast on increasing <u>LGBT cultural competency</u>. The Human Rights Campaign Foundation initiative <u>All Children – All Families</u> helps child welfare organizations improve their recruitment and retention of volunteers and resource families in the LGBT community and works to enhance the LGBT cultural competency within the child welfare system.</p> <p><u>Foster Care's Invisible Youth</u>: The video offers compelling firsthand accounts of the foster care experiences of seven LGBTQ youth. Their struggles range from a lack of acceptance and peer approval to a sense of being lost in a series of unstable and unsupportive placements.</p> <p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Fall 2009): <u>Addressing the Needs of LGBTQ Youth in Care</u></p> <p><u>National CASA's 2006 Annotated Bibliography</u>: Resources for Working with LGBTQ Youth and Families in the Foster Care System</p> <p><u>Sensitivity Training Exercise</u> for use by CASA programs</p> <p><u>Seven Tips for CASA Programs</u> on working with LGBTQ youth</p> <p>Advocating for LGBTQ Youth in Foster Care: LaRae Oberloh, program manager with the Sioux Falls Area CASA Program, discusses ways a CASA/GAL volunteer can effectively advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth in foster care.</p>
Publications – Other Organizations	<p><u>2013 Data Brief: Recent Demographic Trends in Foster Care</u>: Over the last decade, the U.S. foster care population has undergone a substantial reduction in size and experienced a shift in its racial and ethnic composition. This ACYF data brief summarizes those changes and provides new geographic detail</p> <p><u>Getting Down to Basics, Tools to Support LGBTQ Youth in Care</u>: Resources created through a CWLA and Lambda Legal joint initiative</p> <p><u>Keeping Native Children Connected</u>: Authored by representatives of the Alaska Tribal CASA Program and the Tribal Law & Policy Institute. 2002</p> <p><u>Link to the Text of the Indian Child Welfare Act</u> (from Cornell University Law School)</p>

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	<p>Recent Works on Racial Disproportionality in the Child Welfare System, May 2010: Annotated list of publications published by the Child Welfare Information Gateway</p>
	<p>Promoting and Supporting Latino Families in Foster Care and Adoption (materials adapted from): Published by AdoptUsKids in 2008</p>
Websites	<p>American-Arab Anti Discrimination Committee This website features articles with advice for parents and teachers on how to deal with anti-Arab discrimination in schools and resources and lessons on Arab culture, history, and religion.</p>
	<p>The Arc This organization is devoted to advocacy for all people with disabilities.</p>
	<p>The Asian American Institute The AAI was established as a pan-Asian non-profit organization working to empower the Asian Pacific American community.</p>
	<p>Asian-Nation This site contains multiple resources concerning Asian history, culture, immigration and contemporary issues in America.</p>
	<p>Association of MultiEthnic Americans AMEA is an international association of organizations dedicated to advocacy, education and collaboration on behalf of the multiethnic, multiracial, and transracial adoption community.</p>
	<p>The Black Database This website provides links to other sites relevant to African Americans on topics ranging from news, arts and society to health, education and technology.</p>
	<p>Caring for Children with Special Needs: The Americans with Disabilities Act Written by a developmental psychologist, this webpage provides information about children with disabilities.</p>
	<p>Carlisle Indian Industrial School Research Pages This site gives a glimpse into the effects of Indian boarding schools on Native children and on Native culture in general.</p>
	<p>Children of Lesbian and Gays Everywhere COLAGE offers peer support, newsletters, conferences, and literature for children with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender parents.</p>
	<p>Coalition for Positive Sexuality This site offers information about sexuality for teens-gay, straight or bisexual.</p>
	<p>Deaf Linx This site provides an extensive list of links to sites about deaf culture, deaf history, deaf businesses and other general resources to those with hearing loss or those who would like to learn about deaf culture.</p>
	<p>Family Acceptance Project The Family Acceptance Project is the only community research, intervention, education and policy initiative that works to decrease major health and related risks for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth, such as suicide, substance abuse, HIV and homelessness – in the context of their families.</p>
	<p>Footsteps This online magazine celebrates the heritage of African Americans and explores African American contributions to US culture.</p>
<p>Human Rights Campaign The largest national lesbian and gay political organization, the HRC envisions an America where lesbian and gay people are ensured of their basic equal rights.</p>	

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[Indian Country Child Trauma Center](#)

This organization was established to develop trauma-related treatment protocols, outreach materials and service delivery guidelines specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native children and their families

[Indianz.com](#)

An internet resource for news from a Native American perspective

[MAVIN Foundation](#)

The MAVIN Foundation's mission is to build healthy communities that celebrate and empower mixed heritage people and families.

[National Council of La Raza](#)

The largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States—works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans.

[National Association of Puerto Rican Hispanic Social Workers](#)

NAPRHSW's mission is to organize social workers and other human service professionals to strengthen, develop and improve the resources and services that meet the needs of Puerto Rican/Hispanic families.

[National Association of the Deaf](#)

The mission of NAD is to promote, protect, and preserve the rights and quality of life of deaf and hearing-impaired individuals in the United States.

[National Black Child Development Institute](#)

The NBCDI is devoted to improving the lives of Black children and families through advocacy and education.

[National Council of La Raza](#)

The largest national Latino civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States.

[National Indian Child Welfare Association](#)

A comprehensive source of information on American Indian child welfare

[National Latino Children's Institute](#)

NCLI focuses the nation's attention on policies, programs and community initiatives that positively affect Latino children.

[Latino Issues in Child Welfare: National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections](#)

A wealth of resources and publications related to Hispanic and Latino children and families in the child welfare system.

[National Youth Advocacy Coalition](#)

NYAC advocates for and with young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning in effort to end discrimination against these youth and to ensure their wellbeing.

[Native America Calling: The National Electronic Talking Circle](#)

A live call-in program linking public radio stations, the internet and listeners together in a thought-provoking national conversation about issues specific to Native communities

[Native American Children's Alliance](#)

NACA is an intertribal, cross-mentoring organization whose mission is to inspire and support the development and growth of multidisciplinary teams in their efforts to address child abuse.

[Native Web](#)

This site contains over 3,000 links to various aspects of Native American culture and history.

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	<p><u>OCA</u> OCA is a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.</p>
	<p><u>Teach Mideast</u> This site is a resource to increase understanding of the Arab world.</p>
	<p><u>Tribal Court Clearinghouse</u> A resource for American Indian and Alaska Native nations, American Indian and Alaska Native people, tribal justice systems, victims' services providers, tribal service providers and others involved in the improvement of justice in Indian country</p>
	<p><u>Tribe Websites</u> Part of the Native American Public Telecommunications website, this page contains an extensive list of links to more than 50 individual tribes' websites.</p>
	<p><u>WWW Virtual Library-American Indians</u> This is a library of the Indian culture with an index of resources on the web, including culture, history, language, health and art.</p>
	<p><u>WhiteAntiracist.org</u> This site provides a definition of a white antiracist, biographies, and profiles of antiracist individuals and organizations, information on the history of race in the United States, and links to antiracist resources.</p>

DISPARITY

National CASA Commitment	<p>National CASA is committed to reducing disproportionality and ensuring equitable outcomes for all children through ongoing racial equity efforts. <u>Read more about National CASA's commitment to equity for children.</u></p> <p>See also the <u>Cultural Competence/Diversity/Inclusion</u> page of this resource library.</p>
Publications – National CASA	<p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Summer 2007): <u>Overrepresentation of Youth of Color in Foster Care</u> (2.9 MB PDF)</p> <p><i>The Judges' Page</i> newsletter: <u>The Disproportionate Representation of Children of Color in Dependency Court Proceedings</u> (349 KB PDF)</p> <p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Fall 2010:): <u>Ensuring Equity for All Children in Foster Care.</u> Includes "<u>Six Tips for Reducing Disparity in Child Welfare,</u>" by Judge Louis A. Trosh Jr."</p> <p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Summer 2011): "<u>Child Welfare and Racial Disparity: Taking Stock,</u>" an article by Fred Wulczyn, a senior research fellow at Chapin Hall, University of Chicago.</p> <p><u>Seven Important Facts CASA/GAL Volunteers Need to Know When Advocating for Children of Color</u></p>
Publications – Other Organizations	<p><u>Recent Demographic Trends in Foster Care, September 2013:</u> Published by the Department of Health & Human Services</p> <p><u>State of Black Children in America:</u> Publication of the Children's Defense Fund</p> <p><u>Recent Works on Racial Disproportionality in the Child Welfare System, May 2010:</u> Annotated list of publications published by the Child Welfare Information Gateway</p>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Publications – National CASA	<p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Summer 2010): Promoting Safety in Cases Involving Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment</p> <p><i>The Judges' Page</i> newsletter (October 2010): When Child Abuse or Neglect and Domestic Violence Co-Occur</p> <p><i>The Judges' Page</i> newsletter (October 2004): Family Violence Issue (900 KB PDF)</p> <p>Domestic Violence: Gwen Hurst-Anderson, state director of Nebraska CASA, discusses domestic violence and its effect on volunteer advocacy. Listen using the audio player below.</p>
Publications – Other Organizations	<p>Victimization and Trauma Experienced by Children and Youth: Implications for Legal Advocates (660 KB PDF): An issues brief from the Safe Start Center, ABA Center on Children and the Law, and Child and Family Policy Associates that offers a wealth of information, including practice tips for CASA volunteers and others. September 2012</p> <p>Janice C. Humphreys, "Turnings and Adaptations in Resilient Daughters of Battered Women," <i>Journal of Nursing Scholarship</i>, volume 33, pp. 245-251 (2001).</p>
Websites	<p>101 Great Sources for Domestic Violence Prevention A listing of state and national resources</p> <p>Deaf Hope Deaf Hope is a California-based nonprofit organization working to end domestic violence and sexual assault against deaf women and children.</p> <p>Family Violence Prevention & Services Resource Centers Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to inform and strengthen domestic violence intervention and prevention efforts at the individual, community and societal levels</p> <p>The Greenbook Initiative A plethora of products, curricula, assessment tools and multimedia materials developed by the Greenbook project. Includes the resource <i>Co-Occurrence of Child Abuse/Neglect and Domestic Violence: Guide for New Hampshire Court Appointed Special Advocates</i>, which provides specific advice for New Hampshire CASA volunteers. See thegreenbook.info/documents/NH_CASA_Guide.pdf (1.12 MB PDF). <i>Note that CASA/GAL program policies vary</i></p> <p>Medline Plus MedlinePlus provides information on domestic violence patterns and signs.</p> <p>The Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse MINCAVA operates an electronic clearinghouse that provides scholarly papers on battered spouses and their children.</p> <p>National Coalition Against Domestic Violence The NCADV site provides information on prevention, public policy, support programs, resources, membership, their national conference and much more.</p> <p>National Domestic Violence Hotline This site focuses on how to get help and become educated about domestic violence. A Spanish version of the website is available.</p> <p>Pet-Abuse.com Pet-Abuse.com provides information on how to recognize and prevent animal cruelty.</p>

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY RESOURCES

Publications –
Other
Organizations

["Educating Children in Foster Care"](#): Published by the National Conference of State Legislatures, the report provides a brief overview, with some background, about the academic performance of children in foster care, and a description of what researchers have identified as major systemic obstacles to their academic success.

["Education Is the Lifeline for Youth in Care"](#): Fact sheet published by the National Working Group on Foster Care and Educational Advocacy in July 2011.

[Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#): Guidance published by the US Department of Education, amended July 2004. The act ensures that children are entitled to continued enrollment in their home school or immediate enrollment in a new school. It also provides a stream of federal funding for an array of supports including, but not limited to, tutoring, transportation and cash assistance. Communities nationwide have applied McKinney-Vento eligibility to young people who have run away from a foster home, group home or other placement and to children in a number of temporary living arrangements including shelter, foster homes, group homes and evaluation centers.

[Education of Homeless Children and Youth – A Guide to Their Rights](#): Published by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty in June 2011

[Educational Experiences of Children in Out-of-Home Care](#): Published by Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago, this report presents findings from a mixed-method study assessing the educational performance and experiences of youth in out-of-home care. The report says that while a portion of the academic problems of students in care stems from experiences prior to their entry into care, their academic challenges are compounded by the fact that they are clustered in lower-performing schools. Other factors: school mobility and poor communication among school staff, caseworkers and foster parents further impede their educational progress.

[A Road Map for Learning: Improving Educational Outcomes in Foster Care](#): Published by Casey Family programs, the guide provides a framework for collaboration across federal, state and local legal, educational and child welfare systems. The meat of the report is in pages 1-69. Sections 2 and 3 contain best practices and resource information as well as handouts and checklists.

["Tips for Accessing Educational Supports for Youth in Out-of-Home Care"](#): Published by the Child Welfare League of America, this two-page summary and overview of the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Act contains links to a complete copy of the legislation and the latest guidance from the Department of Education.
www.cwla.org/programs/housing/mckinneyvento.htm

["What Teachers and Educators Can Do to Help Youth in Foster Care"](#): Published by Foster Care Month to educate teachers about the special needs of foster youth. "Treating these young people with understanding will go a long way in helping them to manage their behavior and you to manage your classroom."

Websites

[America's Literacy Directory](#): A searchable directory of programs that provide help with math, reading, writing and GED preparation as well as a directory of GED test centers.

[American Bar Association Legal Center for Foster Care and Education](#): Serves as a national technical assistance resource and information clearinghouse on legal and policy matters affecting the education of children in the foster care system. Through the Education Webpage, the ABA provides complete and in-depth information on the topic of educational needs of vulnerable children, including children in foster care and homeless children. See also the ["Partner Perspective"](#) article the organization authored for an issue of *The Connection* magazine.

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY RESOURCES

	<p>College Scholarships.org: This site lists several scholarships available for young people who are or who have been in the foster care system.</p>
	<p>Education Resources for Youth in Foster Care: Provided by the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections, Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.</p>
	<p>Education Training Voucher (ETV) program: Awards grants to current and former foster youth to help pay for college or specialized education. ETV grants are funded by the federal government and administered by the states.</p>
	<p>Foster Care to Success: "America's College Fund for Foster Youth"</p>
	<p>FosterClub: The national network for young people in foster care. Their <i>Transition Toolkit</i> to help youth along with their adult supporters take inventory of their current assets, identify their resources and map out a plan. They also provide a tool called Permanency Pact which guides youth in assembling positive, kin-like relationships with supportive adults.</p>
	<p>Fostering Connections Resource Center: A gathering place of information, training and tools related to furthering the implementation of the Fostering Connections law.</p>
	<p>National Center for Homeless Education: Provides additional resources to meet the educational needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness.</p>
	<p>National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty: Monitors and enforces compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act. It provides technical assistance to attorneys, service providers, parents and educators to ensure that homeless children gain access to public school. The site's resources include issue briefs, law practice briefs, fact sheets and the links shown below.</p>

FAMILY PRESERVATION AND KINSHIP CARE

Publications – National CASA	<p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Fall 2008): Reuniting Families Involved in the Child Welfare System (1.9 MB PDF)</p>
	<p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Fall 2007): Family Treatment Courts and Substance Abuse (2.8 MB PDF)</p>
	<p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Summer 2005): Relative Care Creates Powerful Bonds for Children (1.75 MB PDF)</p>
	<p><i>The Judges' Page</i> newsletter (June 2006): Family Visitation Issue (357 KB PDF)</p>
	<p>Kinship Care: Ken Bryson from Generations United discusses kinship care. Listen using the audio player below.</p>
Publications – Other Organizations	<p>Family Preservation Can Be an Appropriate Strategy If Realistic Expectations Are Maintained. National Resource Center on Child Sexual Abuse Newsletter. 1995.</p>
	<p>Permanency Planning and Kinship Care Annotated Bibliography: National Resource Center for Permanency Planning. 1999</p>
	<p>Research on Family Preservation & Reunification Programs: A synthesis of research prepared in association with the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago</p>
Websites	<p>Kinship Care Reference Materials - OPM.GOV: Website of the US Office of Personnel Management is rich with resources for family members raising children.</p>
	<p>GrandFacts - AARP: State and national fact sheets for grandparents and other relatives raising children.</p>
	<p>The Kinship Diversion Debate: Policy and Practice: From the Annie E. Casey Foundation</p>

FAMILY PRESERVATION AND KINSHIP CARE

	Camp To Belong : Dedicated to reuniting siblings placed in separate foster homes or other out-of-home care
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FAMILY FOSTER CARE/PLACEMENT

Publications – National CASA	The Connection magazine (Winter 2010): Foster Care Adoption
Publications – Other Organizations	Video: ReMoved , a 13-minute exploration of the complex emotions experienced by a child in foster care. Also, read an interview with the filmmaker in this April 2013 National CASA blog post.
Websites	Evaluating Out-of-Home Placements: A list of things to consider when evaluating a home Foster Care and Adoptive Community
	This foster parent resource provides articles, website links, and information on local foster parent associations.
	National Foster Parent Association : Supports foster parents in achieving safety, permanence and well-being for the children and youth in their care

HEALTH

Publications – National CASA	<p>Sexual Behavior, Abuse and Exploitation Resource List (432 KB PDF) This resource list was developed by National CASA to prepare CASA volunteers for the challenges surrounding these topics, and provide resources to the youth they serve.</p> <p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Spring 2009): Challenges Faced by Foster Youth with Chronic Illnesses and Severe Disabilities (1.6 MB PDF)</p> <p><i>The Connection</i> magazine (Summer 2008): Mental Health Treatment for Children in Care (1.6 MB PDF)</p>
Publications – Other Organizations	<p>Childhood Trauma and Its Effect on Healthy Development Published by the National Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention</p> <p>Making Healthy Choices: A Guide on Psychotropic Medications for Youth in Foster Care This guide—published by US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families—is written specifically for youth in foster care with input from youth and professionals.</p> <p>Psychotropic Medication and Youth in Foster Care Report A report published on the Science Daily website in September 2010</p> <p>States Wrestle with Medicating Foster Kids Mental health report published on msnbc.com</p> <p>"Psychotropic Medication and Children in Foster Care: Tips for Advocates and Judges" (1 MB PDF) Published by the ABA Center on Children and the Law in 2011</p> <p>"Best Practices For CASA Volunteers: Collecting Information and Reporting to the Court on Children Taking Psychiatric Medications" Written by Heidi Nagel, JD, and Alvin Novack, MD, of the King County (WA) Dependency CASA Program (276 KB PDF)</p>
Websites	<p>American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry The AACAP works to assist parents and families in understanding developmental, behavioral, emotional and mental disorders affecting children and adolescents. American</p>

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[Academy of Pediatrics](#)

AAP offers materials for professionals working in the field of child abuse.

[Association for Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children](#)

This site is an international coalition of professionals and families dedicated to creating public awareness and education regarding attachment.

[Attachment Disorder.net](#)

Written by and adoptive parent of a child diagnosed with attachment disorder, this site provides information, resources, and support for parents and others trying to help children with attachment problems.

[Autism Speaks](#)

Autism Speaks is the nation's largest autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

[The Barr-Harris Children's Grief Center](#)

This center offers help for children facing the pain of death, divorce, separation or abandonment and provides resources for child welfare professionals.

[Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice](#)

Their mission is to foster the development and the adjustment of children with or at risk of developing serious emotional disturbance.

[The ChildTrauma Academy](#)

This website offers self-directed courses on topics such as human brain development and the impact of trauma.

[Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder](#)

CHADD works to improve the lives of people with ADD/HD through education, advocacy and support.

[Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health](#)

The federation works in areas including public policy; research and evaluation; technical assistance and training.

[Fetal Alcohol Services of Alaska](#)

This site provides information on fetal alcohol syndrome and information on prevention methods and teaching students with these problems.

[Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders \(FASD\) Support Site](#)

This site offers content and information geared toward parents, social workers and others involved in a child's life.

[Internet Mental Health](#)

This site contains links for common disorders, organizations, search engines and medical sites.

[National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)

This organization provides resources to improve the lives of people with mental illnesses and the lives of their families.

[National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome](#)

NOFAS is dedicated to eliminating birth defects caused by alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

[Trauma Information Pages](#)

This site focuses primarily on emotional trauma and traumatic stress. It includes information on trauma resources, a bookstore, articles and links.

IMMIGRATION

Publications – National CASA	<i>The Connection magazine</i> (Summer 2006): Immigrant Children and Families in the Foster Care System (2.2 MB PDF)
	<i>The Judges' Page</i> newsletter (January 2010): International Solutions for Connecting US Foster Care Children with Families
	<i>The Judges' Page</i> newsletter (February 2008): International Issues in Dependency Court Cases (278 KB PDF)
	Advocating for Children of Immigrants : Written by National CASA Regional Program Officer Janet Ward
	Child Welfare and Immigration: Ken Borelli, MSW, discusses situations in which children are involved with both the child welfare and immigration systems. Listen using the audio player below.
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	United States Citizenship - Guide to USCIS and the Process for Citizenship History, citizenship overview, information regarding naturalization, dual citizenship, and general resources.
	United States Citizenship and Immigration Services This Department of Homeland Security site provides resources on the legal aspects of immigration and naturalization, a glossary of immigration and naturalization legal terms and links to translation services.

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Publications – National CASA	<i>Judges' Page Newsletter</i> : A joint publication of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and National CASA. Recent topics include relative placements, children in court and the Fostering Connections to Success Act.
	Podcast: "Technology and Advocacy," featuring Sharon Nelson, CASA volunteer and the 2013 president of the Virginia State Bar
	Blog: "The Baby Veronica Case: A Judge's Perspective," featuring Judge Dean Lewis, editor of <i>The Judges' Page</i>.
Publications – Other Organizations	Improving Compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act: A Guide for Juvenile and Family Courts : National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges technical assistance bulletin. 2013. Also find additional tribal-related resources at ncjfcj.org .
	NCJFCJ Webinar: Seen and Heard: Involving Children in Court with Andrea Khoury, JD, American Bar Association Center for Children and the Law, and Elizabeth Whitney Barnes, JD, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. 2012
	Toolkit on Court-Involved Youth and Exposure to Violence : Safe Start Center, in partnership with the ABA Center on Children and the Law and Child & Family Policy Associates. 2012
	Doing Justice to Juvenile Justice : American Bar Association, Juvenile Justice Center. 1997
	Reasonable Efforts : Since the enactment of the Federal Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, reasonable efforts has been a core concept in American child welfare and practice. Article authored by The Administration for Children and Families and reprinted from the Children's Bureau website.

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Websites

[ABA Center on Children and the Law](#)

The American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law: Improving children's lives through advances in law, justice, knowledge, practice and public policy.

[Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund](#)

The AALDEF is a national organization that protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans.

[Child and Family Services Reviews](#)

The Child and Family Services Reviews are designed to help the federal Department of Health and Human Service's Children's Bureau ensure that state welfare agencies are complying with federal child welfare requirements.

[Find Law](#)

Resources for legal professionals

[Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children](#)

Overview, articles and regulations

[Legal Information Institute](#) Children's rights overview and resources from Cornell University Law School

[The Library of Congress](#)

The largest library in the world and research arm of Congress

[Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

A summary and definitions of the important features of statutes mandating persons to report child abuse and neglect. Includes summaries of statutes in each state.

[MegaLaw](#)

Search engine

[National Association of Counsel for Children](#)

NACC is a nonprofit professional membership organization dedicated to quality representation for children. This website provides advocacy links and upcoming events.

[National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#)

Improving courts and system practices

[National American Indian Court Judges Association](#)

NAICJA is a national voluntary association of tribal court judges primarily devoted to the support of American Indian and Alaska Native justice systems.

[Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#)

This site offers the latest facts and figures of juvenile justice and includes many of the organization's publications, grant options and local resources.

[US Congress Home Page](#)

[US Department of Justice Office of Tribal Justice](#)

The Office of Tribal Justice provides a single point of contact within the Justice Department for meeting the federal responsibilities to federally recognized Indian tribes.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Publications – National CASA	Evidence of Effectiveness : A compilation of studies regarding the effectiveness of volunteer advocacy
Publications – Other Organizations	Adopted Kids Fare Well The Search Institute, 1994 Study Prior Abuse Reported by Inmates. Author: National Child Abuse Coalition, 1999
	Juvenile Justice Facts: Child Maltreatment & Juvenile Delinquency Facts and Figures from Child Welfare League of America
	Legislative Leaders' Perceptions of Advocates State Legislative Leaders Foundation. 1995
	Research Tracks Child Abuse Victims into Adulthood - 1967-1971 . Author: Washington Social Legislation Bulletin. 1999, updated 2002
	The Validation and Effectiveness Study of Legal Representation Through Guardian ad Litem. Summary of Findings Affecting CASA .1994
Online Resources	Annie Casey Kids Count Widget Add data to your website, desktop or blog. The widget provides state rankings for overall child-wellbeing and state data on the status of children for 10 key indicators included in the <i>2010 KIDS COUNT Data Book</i> .
	Child Trends Child Trends, Inc. is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization that studies children
	The Future of Children - Princeton-Brookings Providing research and analysis to promote effective policies and programs for children
	Kempe Center This site was designed to provide a clinically based resource for training, consultation, program development and evaluation, and research regarding all forms of child abuse and neglect.
	National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect Promotes scholarly exchange among researchers in the child maltreatment field

RURAL ISSUES

Publications – National CASA	Rural Diversity: A Training Asset : Authored by National CASA Training Specialist Terene Bennett. 2010
	The Connection Magazine (Spring 2005): " Advocating for Children in Rural Areas " (1.87 MB PDF)

SOCIOECONOMICS

Websites	Bridges Out of Poverty National CASA Regional Program Officer Tracy Evans wrote about this model and workshop : "Its ideas and tools can be used by organizations whose daily work connects them with the lives of people who live in poverty. Through both lecture and group activity, the training uses case studies, analyses, charts and media presentations to examine the causes of poverty."
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	<p>Class Matters This website is a great resource for understanding class values and how class influences how people view the world.</p>
	<p>The Family Resource Simulator This a web-based tool that calculates resources and expenses for a hypothetical family that the user "creates." The user selects public benefits for the family and then sees what happens when the family loses those benefits.</p>
	<p>National Center for Children in Poverty NCCP is a public policy organization dedicated to promoting the economic security, health and well-being of low-income families and children.</p>
	<p>The Legal Aid Society They are a private, nonprofit organization that provides quality legal representation to low-income people.</p>
	<p>National Center for Youth Law NCYL provides information, training and consultation on youth law matters serving poor children and youth. Its areas of expertise include abuse and neglect, children's health and the rights of children living in institutions.</p>
	<p>National Poverty Center NPC at the University of Michigan was established in the fall of 2002 as a nonpartisan research center.</p>

IMMIGRATION WORKING WITH CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS

Publications – National CASA	<p>Podcast - Working with Child Protective Services: Alex Parks-Sudan, a child protective services worker, discusses fostering good relationships with CASA/GAL advocates.</p>
National CASA Training Video	<p>Interviewing Skills: Meeting the Social Worker: Observe some of the strategies and tips that a volunteer may wish to use when meeting with a child welfare professional.</p>
Websites	<p>The ChildTrauma Academy This website offers self-directed courses on topics such as human brain development and the impact of trauma.</p>
	<p>Foster Care and Adoptive Community This foster parent resource provides articles, website links, and information on local foster parent associations.</p>
	<p>National Children's Alliance NCA Centers are community-based programs that bring together that bring together representatives of child serving agencies to address the investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse cases.</p>
	<p>National Foster Parent Association: Supports foster parents in achieving safety, permanence and well-being for the children and youth in their care</p>

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

National CASA Training Videos	<p>Webinar (September 2012) Building Strong Families and Healthy Communities: The Safe Babies Court Team Project Lucy Hudson, director of the Zero to Three Safe Babies Court Teams Project, provides an overview of this Zero to Three initiative, which has engaged several CASA/GAL programs across the country. Download a PDF of the webinar (1.5 MB PDF).</p> <p>March 2012 Judges' Page Newsletter: Young Children Involved in the Dependency Court In 2010, one half of the children entering foster care were under five years old. For this issue of <i>The Judges' Page</i>, Lucy Hudson, director of the Safe Babies Court Teams Project at ZERO TO THREE, took the lead on collecting 18 articles on the topic of young children involved in the dependency system. Authored by judges, professors, psychologists, parents and others, articles in this issue provide a wealth of information and perspectives on creating permanency, safety and well-being for this most vulnerable population.</p> <p>Interviewing Skills: Talking with a 4-year-old child: Observe some of the strategies and techniques that a volunteer may wish to use in order to break the ice with a caregiver and a pre-school-aged child</p> <p>Interviewing Skills: Talking with a 10-year-old child: Observe some of the strategies and techniques that a volunteer incorporates as she attempts to build rapport with a pre-teen youth.</p>
National CASA Podcasts	<p>Attachment Theory in Children I: Part one of a discussion of early childhood development with Danielle Kassow, research and development associate with Thrive by Five.</p> <p>Attachment Theory in Children II: Part two of a discussion of early childhood development with Danielle Kassow, research and development associate with Thrive by Five.</p> <p>Dually Involved Youth: Cynthia Chauvin, program director with Jefferson County CASA in Harvey, LA, talks about working with youth involved in both the foster care and juvenile court systems. Listen using the audio player below.</p>
Publications – Other Organizations	<p>Advocating for Very Young Children in Dependency Proceedings: The Hallmarks of Effective, Ethical Representation (2.13 MB PDF) explains how attorneys representing very young children can profoundly influence the health, development and well-being of their clients through their advocacy. The brief sets out four hallmarks of advocacy to enhance effectiveness of representation and strengthen an attorney's ability to handle ethical dilemmas. Published by the ABA Center on Children and the Law's Health of Court-Involved Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers project, September 2010.</p> <p>Motherhood: Implications for the Juvenile Justice System OJJDP Fact Sheet. 1997</p> <p>Supervised Visits: When Are They Needed?: New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. 1999</p> <p>A Workbook for Children Facing the Loss of a Parent to HIV/AIDS. Child Welfare League of America</p> <p>"Helping Young People in Foster Care Through the Holidays." (2.6 MB) FosterClub</p>
Conference Presentations	<p>CASA Interaction with Criminal Proceedings: Techniques and Tools. 1995</p>
Websites	<p>Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Preventing child abuse through research, education and shared learning.</p> <p>Autism Speaks Autism Speaks is the nation's largest autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.</p>

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	<p>Child Abuse Prevention Network This site is for professionals in the field of child abuse and neglect and provides unique and powerful tools for all workers</p>
	<p>Child Development Institute This site provides information on child development, child psychology, parenting, learning, etc.</p>
	<p>Committee for Children A nonprofit working globally to prevent bullying, violence and child abuse. The organization specializes in teaching children social and emotional skills.</p>
	<p>LD Online An interactive learning disabilities resource guide.</p>
	<p>National Conference of State Legislatures, "Educating Children in Foster Care" This informative policy article looks at challenges and services in educating children in foster care.</p>
	<p>Report Suspected Child Abuse Prevent Child Abuse America</p>
	<p>Sidran Foundation A national nonprofit organization devoted to education, advocacy and research related to the early recognition and treatment of trauma-related stress in children</p>
	<p>Sparkaction This site is a one-stop shop for news and tools to make a difference in the lives of children and youth.</p>
	<p>Zero to Three A national nonprofit organization that informs, trains, and supports professionals, policymakers, and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.</p>

WORKING WITH PARENTS

Websites	<p>Parents Action for Children A national nonprofit organization that develops parent-education materials, connects parents and offers a wealth of information about parenting on their website.</p>
	<p>NYC Administration for Children's Services Parent Handbook A guide for parents with children in foster care.</p>
	<p>When Your Child is in Foster Care A guide for parents with children in foster care.</p>
Additional Resources	<p>Incarcerated Family Members See a listing of resource materials regarding children impacted by incarceration.</p>

WORKING WITH OLDER YOUTH

Publications – National CASA	<p>Sexual Behavior, Abuse and Exploitation Resource List (432 KB PDF) This resource list was developed by National CASA to prepare CASA volunteers for the challenges surrounding these topics, and provide resources to the youth they serve.</p>
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WORKING WITH OLDER YOUTH

	<p>Judges' Page newsletter (July 2011)- Fostering Connections to Success Act</p> <p>The Connection magazine (Winter 2011) - Supporting older youth in care</p> <p>The Connection magazine (Summer 2009) - Creating permanency for foster care youth</p> <p>The Connection magazine (Spring 2008) - Older youth in foster care</p> <p>The Connection magazine (Fall 2005) - Preparing older youth to age out of foster care</p> <p>Overcoming Obstacles, Creating Connections: Interview with Anthony Pico, who grew up in the foster care system. Anthony shares ways he developed meaningful connections with adults in his life and offers advice to CASA volunteers seeking to facilitate connections for the youth they serve.</p>
Websites and Publications	<p>Adolescent Directory On-Line This electronic guide provides information regarding adolescent issues and secondary education.</p> <p>Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago An independent policy research center whose mission is to build knowledge that improves policies and programs for children and youth, families and their communities.</p> <p>Children's Bureau Express- Spotlight on Youth Includes a series of tip sheets for youth and advice from youth.</p> <p>Forever Families: Improving Outcomes by Achieving Permanency for Legal Orphans This technical assistance bulletin from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges offers judicial practice recommendations to achieve permanency and improve outcomes for legal orphans.</p> <p>Foster Care Alumni of America FCAA is a national nonprofit founded and led by alumni of the foster care system. Their mission is to connect youth with the alumni community and to transform foster care policy and practice. Resources offered include <i>Flux</i> training, created by alumni to help youth in care prepare to transition to independent living.</p> <p>Fostering Connections Resource Center Assists states and tribes in properly implementing the <i>Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act</i>.</p> <p>"Helping Young People in Foster Care Through the Holidays" (2.6 MB PDF) FosterClub</p> <p>Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative Helps communities assist older youth in care in making successful transitions to adulthood. Connects youth to the people and resources needed for permanence, education, employment, housing and healthcare as well as supportive community and personal relationships. Their Opportunity Passport trains youth in money matters and matches savings.</p> <p>National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections The new Kinship/Guardianship web page of the Fostering Connections section of the NRCPCF website provides a variety of resources, organized into the following sections: Promising Practices and Policies from States and Tribes; T/TA & Web Based Resources from NRCs, Children's Bureau, and the T/TA Network; Resources from Collaborating Organizations; and, Evidence Based Practice, Research and Reports.</p> <p>National Resource Center for Youth Development NRCYD works with states and tribes to implement all of the requirements of the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999.</p> <p>Permanence for Young People This report is intended to guide child welfare professionals in helping young people achieve and maintain permanent family relationships.</p>

WORKING WITH OLDER YOUTH

	<p>Youth and Credit: Protecting the Credit of Youth in Foster Care This guide provides advice on the best way for caseworkers and other adults to comply with the federal law requiring child welfare agencies to request an annual credit report for youth in foster care starting at age 16 and until they leave the child welfare system—and to help young people resolve any issues that come up in those credit report checks. Provided by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.</p>
Resources by Topic for Older Youth Themselves <i>(Also see Volunteer Resource Library)</i>	Community Involvement/Service Learning
	GED (General Educational Development)

YOUTH VOICE

Podcasts – National CASA <i>(In podcast archive)</i>	Stories from Youth: An excerpt from the youth panel at the 2010 National CASA Annual Conference
	Helping Youth Succeed - A former foster youth's story
	Former Foster Youth Experience - Amanda
	Foster Youth Experience - Jessica
	Also see The Connection magazine and Powerful Voice newsletter, National CASA publications that regularly feature the voices of young people.
Websites	<p>California Youth Connection California Youth Connection (CYC) is guided, focused and driven by current and former foster youth with the assistance of other committed community members. CYC promotes the participation of foster youth in policy development and legislative change to improve the foster care system, and strives to improve social work practice and child welfare policy.</p>
	<p>Facing Foster Care in Alaska Facing Foster Care in Alaska (FFCA) is a group of current foster youth and alumni that has formed to make improvements to the foster care system in Alaska.</p>
	<p>Foster Care Alumni of America Foster Care Alumni of America is a national nonprofit association that has been founded and is led by alumni of the foster care system. The mission of FCAA is to connect the alumni community and to transform foster care policy and practice, ensuring opportunity for people in and from foster care.</p>
	<p>FosterClub FosterClub gives current and former foster youth a way to transform their lives and a forum for raising their voices. Through their FosterClub All-Stars summer internship program, a group of 18-24 year olds gain leadership and public speaking skills through training and experience. Their Transition Toolkit helps youth take inventory of current assets, identify resources and map out a plan. A valuable tool to help youth plan for a life filled with supportive adults is FosterClub's Permanency Pact.</p>
	<p>Orphan Foundation of America The Orphan Foundation offers scholarships and grants and a summer internship program in Washington DC.</p>
	<p>Youth Communication Youth Communication trains teens to write stories for their peers. They publish Represent magazine, written by and for young people in the foster care system.</p>

OTHER CASA RESOURCES

National CASA Publications	<p><u><i>A Question of Balance</i></u>: Written by National CASA Association's Janet Ward, this book reinforces skills learned by volunteers during pre-service training. Available through ShopCASA as a print or electronic book (for Kindles).</p> <p><u><i>The Judges' Page e-newsletter</i></u>: Edited by Judge J. Dean Lewis (ret.), shares the judicial perspective with CASA/GAL volunteers</p> <p><u>National CASA Association podcasts</u>: Informative and educational interviews with CASA volunteers and staff, and other members of the child welfare community</p> <p><u>National CASA Association Guides and Manuals</u>: For use by member CASA and guardian ad litem programs. Program login necessary to access.</p>
National CASA Association Trainings	<p><u>National CASA/GAL Annual Conference</u>: June 4-7, 2016, National Harbor Maryland (8 miles from the Capitol).</p> <p><u>Training Calendar</u>: lists upcoming in-person trainings and webinars.</p> <p><u>Webinar Library</u>: includes recordings of recent webinars</p> <p><u>State and Local Program Event Calendar</u>: listings provided by member CASA and GAL programs</p>