

ON DEMAND LEARNING & TRAINING GUIDE

Maryland CASA Association works to improve outcomes children experiencing abuse and neglect by providing quality assurance, public relations support, technical assistance, and in-service training opportunities for local CASA programs. In addition, we have expanded an initiative to build racial equity skills and knowledge of CASA volunteers, staff, and board members, and incorporate them into program practices.

Maryland CASA does not facilitate any pre-service training at the state level. All pre-service training is done at the local level. Once volunteers complete pre-service training and are sworn in as CASA's, they are required by National CASA standards to complete 12 hours of in-service training each year. Maryland CASA makes this as easy as possible for our Maryland volunteers by offering dozens of training opportunities in a range of different learning experiences and styles.

The goal of our in-service trainings is to enhance the knowledge and skills of our staff and volunteers in order to best advocate for the children we serve. This Training Guide will outline the various in-service training opportunities we provide each year and how you can access them.

ONLINE TRAINING ACADAMY



In 2018, Maryland CASA launched our Online Training Academy. The goal is to provide additional in-service training opportunities that are available 24/7 to volunteers.

The Online Training Academy is an online platform, called "Litmos," with a course library of online, self-paced, clickable, training courses. These courses vary in content and the library will update with additional courses and resources as they become available. Users automatically receive a Certificate of Attendance after completing a course.

Unlike our other training formats, Litmos is a separate training platform with exclusive access to CASA volunteers and staff and is not open to the public. The Online Training Academy cannot be used for CEU credit for licensed social workers.

CREATE YOUR OWN LITMOS ACCOUNT



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[CLICK HERE](#) to create your profile.



The code is MDCASA.

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Submit your information and go to your email inbox.



Use the one-time login link in the email to create a unique password for your account.

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Press "Continue" to finalize your account and begin completing the courses.



OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Each year, we host our conference on child well-being. The theme and sessions differ each year and cover topics of emerging importance. This is a two or three-day, in-person or virtual event drawing more than 200 CASA volunteers, staff, board members, child welfare professionals, children's attorneys, judicial officers, mental health professionals, and more.

Our Annual Conference is a unique event that can knock out in-service training requirements for CASA Volunteers and provides CEU credits to licensed social workers and also provides a great opportunity to network with other members of the child welfare spectrum across the state and country. Exhibitor booths provide additional networking and resource-building opportunities.

A keynote presentation kicks off the conference each year with speakers ranging from the top minds in trauma-informed care, award-winning child advocates, and foster care alumni.

WEBINARS



Live Webinars:

Maryland CASA coordinates and facilitates **FREE** webinars every month with subject matter experts. Live webinars are streamed through Zoom and are typically scheduled at lunchtime, and range between an hour and two hours in length. Registration is required. After completing a brief evaluation, attendees receive a Certificate of Attendance, and licensed social workers receive free CEU credits.

To register for live webinars, check out our [Training page](#) on our website. You can also follow us on social media and join our mailing list to learn about upcoming training opportunities.

Recorded Webinars:

Many of our live webinars are recorded and available via [YouTube](#) in case you miss one! You will find the recorded webinars listed on our website in the [Resource Library](#).

Recorded webinars can be watched later and still be counted for up to four hours of in-service training credit. Each local program will handle this process differently, so be sure to talk to your supervisor about this option.

THANK YOU!



- [CLICK HERE](#) to see our upcoming training webinars
- FOLLOW US on social media to stay up to date!
- [JOIN our mailing list](#) and receive training notifications directly to your inbox.

