

OCTOBER 2026 – Training Opportunities

DATE	CASA CAFÉ	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	CATEGORIES
10/13 12-1	Kimberley Rowley – Attorney ad Litem	CASA Office	Ms. Rowley will speak this month on testifying and advocating effectively in court.	1	2, 4
DATE	SKILL BUILDERS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	CATEGORIES
10/7 12-1	CFE Tools Training – Ring of Hope	Zoom	This session is designed to discuss why we use engagement tools, to explore how to use this specific tool, and how to document this activity in Optima.	1	1, 4
10/14 5:30-6:30	Navigating Optima	CASA Office	Please bring your laptop and questions as we discuss all things Optima!	1	4
10/15 5:30-6:30	CFE Tools Training – Ring of Hope	CASA Office	This session is designed to discuss why we use CFE tools, explore how to use this specific tool, and how to document this activity in Optima.	1	1, 4
10/26 5:30-6:30	CASA Book Club - Dandelion on My Pillow, Butcher Knife Beneath	CASA Office	Our book club discussion each month centers around the complexity of relationships, connections, and cultural and social issues.	1	1, 2, 3, 4
10/27 5:30-6:30	Gathering Information	CASA Office	Not sure who to talk to regarding the children on your case, how to talk to them, or the best way to gather the information you need to advocate effectively? This session is for you!	1	1, 4
FORMAT	INDEPENDENT STUDY	PRODUCER	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	CATEGORIES
Book*	A Child Called IT	By Dave Pelzer	The story of the physical and mental abuse suffered by the author from ages 4–12 at the hands of his mother, and his eventual entry into the foster care system.	100 pages = 1 hour	1, 2, 3, 4
Podcast	EMDR and Trauma-Informed Advocacy	CASA on the Go	How can CASA volunteers better understand and advocate for children and youth who have experienced trauma? Here, we take a closer look at EMDR therapy. EMDR and Trauma-Informed Advocacy Featuring Ana Gomez	1	1, 3, 4
10/28 9-10:30 LIVE WEBINAR	Preventing Sexual Abuse	Center for Child Protection	In this webinar, you will learn the facts and misconceptions about sexual abuse, how to identify the grooming process and red flag behaviors, and protective actions you can take to reduce risk. CCP October Webinar: Preventing Sexual Abuse	1.5	1, 3, 4

*count no more than 4 hours of reading time toward annual 12 hours of required training

Required Categories:	
1. Background and Needs of Children Served	2. Operation of Courts and the Child Welfare System
3. Child Abuse and Neglect	4. Foundational Principles that Guide Advocacy