



**Family Law CASA**

Giving children a voice in court

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# CASA Code of Conduct

## **1. RESPECT, FAIRNESS, COURTESY**

**The advocate shall treat all parties to the assigned case with respect, courtesy, fairness, and good faith without discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, cultural heritage, sex, age, education, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, or handicap.**

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## **2. ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES**

**The volunteer shall discharge his/her responsibilities in accordance with training and consultation provided by the Family Law CASA staff and as ordered by the court.**

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## **3. COMPETENCE**

**The advocate shall strive to become and remain proficient in the performance of his/her role. He/she shall take the initiative in utilizing available resources and staff consultation as well as seeking learning opportunities.**

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## 4. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each advocate shall maintain strict confidentiality as to the cases or proceedings in which the advocate is involved.

\*one way street

\*Any/all info received will be summarized in report to court & other party

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## 5. PROGRAM INTEGRITY

**The advocate shall not represent his/her personal views or opinions as those of the Family Law CASA Program. Further, the advocate shall not refer to or use his/her participation in the program to enhance the credibility of the advocate's personal views in any other court proceeding.**

- We can train you to be a speaking ambassador
- Caution re social media

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## 6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

**The advocate shall not be related to any party or respective attorneys involved in a case. The advocate should not be employed in a position or with an agency that might result in a conflict of interest or give rise to the appearance of a conflict. The advocate shall not use his/her volunteer position to seek or accept gifts or special privileges for either himself/herself or others. A CASA advocate should immediately advise the Assigned Supervisor of any problem and consult with the Assigned Supervisor as to how to handle the problem.**

*\* Anything at all, even if seems like no big deal– be sure to let us know*

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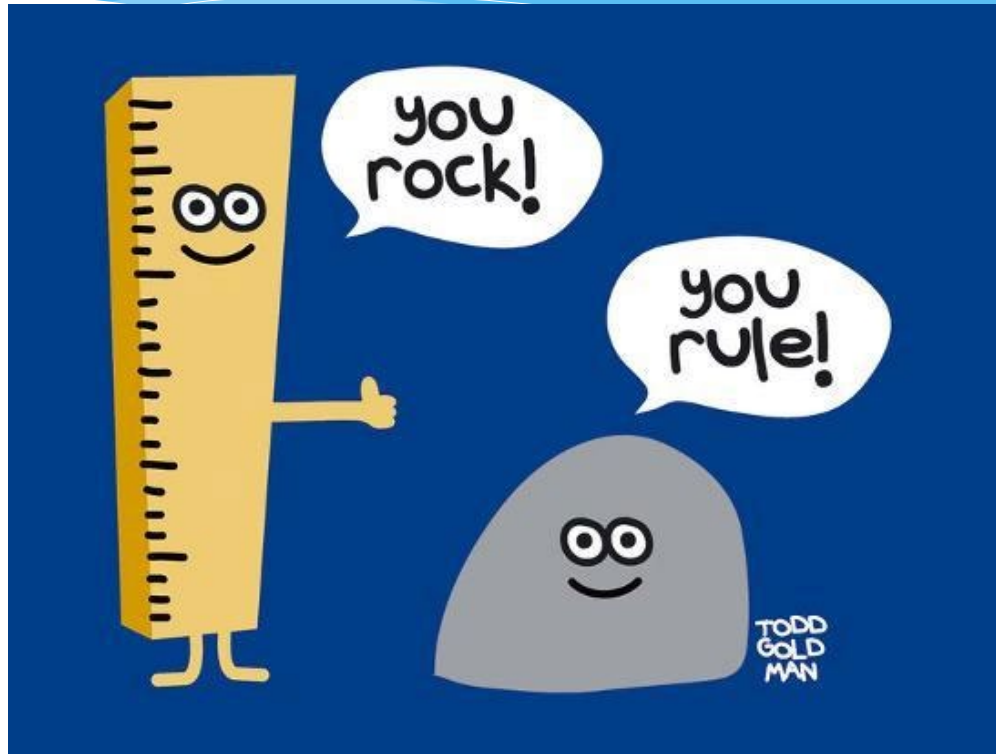
## 7. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

**The advocate shall immediately notify the Assigned Supervisor if there is reasonable cause to believe the child has suffered physical and/or sexual abuse.**

\* Mandated reporters



# THANK YOU!



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