



NEW CASA PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

8:00 - 8:30a

Check-in

Summit Office Park, Summit 1, Conference Room Lower Level
4700 Rockside Road Independence, Ohio 44131

8:30 - 9:15a

*Introduction to the Role of a CASA Volunteer in
Cuyahoga County and Writing a Court Report*
Staff, CASA of Cuyahoga County

9:15 - 10:30a

*A Look into the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court; Ohio Juvenile
Law and Local Rules; Conflicts of Interest; Confidentiality*
Jonathan Z. Wilbur, Attorney at Law, Guardian ad Litem (GAL),
Board Member, Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County

10:30 - 10:45a

15-minute Break


10:45 - 11:30a


*A Look into the Child Welfare System and DCFS
and Caseworker Collaboration*
Deirdre Konopka, Cuyahoga County Division of
Children and Family Services

11:30a - 12:15p

Interviewing Children - A Trauma-Informed Approach
Misty Ramos-Saviano, Art Therapist, LPCC-S,
ACTP, EMDR, Executive Director, P.A.L.S. for Healing

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 **Mission** To make a difference for every child served through advocacy, education, and collaborative alliances.

 **Vision** Every child is seen, heard, and engaged, leading to permanency and hope.

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12:15 - 1:15p

Lunch (on your own)

1:15 - 2:00p

Mental Health and Poverty; Professional Communication

Staff, CASA of Cuyahoga County

2:00 - 2:45p

Substance Abuse; Cultural Competence and Working with Families

Staff, CASA of Cuyahoga County

2:45 - 3:00p

15-minute Break

3:00 - 4:15p

Family Dynamics: Domestic Violence and its Effects

Tim Boehnlein, Justice System Advocate Supervisor, Cuyahoga County -
Public Safety and Justice Services, Witness Victim Service Center / Family Justice Center

4:15 - 5:00p

*Educational Advocacy for Children Involved in
the Child Welfare System*

Russell Hauser, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

5:00p

Closing Announcements & Adjourn

This training has been partially funded through a contract between Ohio CASA and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Ohio CASA supports local CASA/GAL programs throughout Ohio with training, technical assistance, legislative support, and standards implementation so that volunteers may advocate for abused, neglected, and dependent children in the court system. This training is also supported by grant number, 2023-VOCA-135103791, awarded by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office for Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, through the Ohio Attorneys General's Office. Victims of crime will be served.

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