

Wisconsin CASA: Conference offers unique, online learning opportunities

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(Green Bay, Wis.) The 19th annual [Wisconsin CASA Association](#) State Conference is going virtual! Instead of a traditional in-person conference, the child advocacy organization will host “2020 Virtual Conference Series Sessions” as a free, online series of topic-specific programs throughout the fall.

Virtual conference session dates and topics include:

- **Tuesday, September 29 - Living a Trauma Informed Life:** A holistic approach using Trauma Informed practices in daily life for more impactful advocacy and outcomes. Presented by Kelly Schwartz, Wisconsin CASA Director of Program Administration.
- **Thursdays, October 1, 15, 22 and 29 - An Authentic and Brave Conversation about Race and Racism:** A candid conversation on how to talk to your children about racism. Select one date for this session. Presented by Dr. Adrienne Crawford Fletcher, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, and Assistant Professor, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University.
- **Tuesday, November 10 - A Judge's Perspective:** How the court applies CASA advocacy and more. Presented by the Honorable Ramona A. Gonzalez, La Crosse County Circuit Court, National CASA/GAL Association Board of Trustees member, and National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.
- **Thursday, December 3 - The Three A's - Awareness, Audit and Action:** This webinar creates Awareness from within, an Audit of where we are and where we want to go to take Action in our lives! Join us on this journey of self-discovery to become a more impactful Advocate for children or become the

best version of yourself to enhance the lives of others! Our gifts are only gifts when they are shared. Presented by Sue Schwartz, State Director of the Wisconsin CASA Association.

“These topics were chosen because they directly impact CASA Advocates and those who work with or have a connection to children in Foster Care,” said Sue Schwartz, State Director of the Wisconsin CASA Association. “As we adjust our annual Conference due to COVID-19, this series is a way we can help our Advocates, local programs and those who work with children learn new ways they can help children in need and become better Advocates.”

The October session, an Authentic and Brave Conversation about Race and Racism, will be offered on four dates as there is a size limit. Schwartz added, “As Advocates, we serve children of all backgrounds and races, and it’s our responsibility to do what we can to contribute to the necessary changes regarding racism in our society. Anyone interested in learning how to have honest conversations about race and racism with children is invited to sign-up.” All four of conference series sessions are open to the public, not just CASA Advocates.

Conference series participants can choose which sessions they would like to attend and each session will fulfill Advocate continuing education hours. All sessions begin at 5:30 p.m. central time. To register for the series or select sessions, visit wisconsin-casa.org/annual-state-conference.