

Guardian Ad Litem Training

A portion of the net proceeds will be donated to Jackson County CASA

Friday, May 10, 2024 – **WEBCAST**

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

CLE: Missouri 8.0 / Kansas credit pending

Cost: \$275 Attorney

Free: Attorneys who commit to one pro-bono Jackson County, Mo. CASA GAL case *within 60 days of program*



Program Chair: Judith Westmoreland (she/her) & Tiana Griffin (she/her), *Jackson County CASA*

Schedule

8:00 AM Webcast Access

8:30 AM **Culturally Responsive Trauma-Informed Care**
Misty Campbell, M.S., SHRM-CP (she/hers) | Assistant Teaching Professor & Community Engagement Director | University of Missouri Kansas City

Misty will address how guardians ad litem can provide trauma-informed advocacy to their youth clients through a culturally responsive lens that acknowledges, respects, and integrates an individual's cultural beliefs, values, and practices.

9:20 AM Break

9:30 AM **How to Authentically Engage with Young People in Care**
Cory Seller, (he/his) | Independent Living Program Consultant | Kansas Department for Children & Families
Stormy Lukasavage, (he/his) | Lived Experience Expert | Children's Bureau Capacity Building Center

Cory and Stormy are Lived Experience Experts who will provide tangible strategies on how to empower and authentically engage with youth in care.

10:20 AM Break

10:30 AM **Representing Older Youth**
Megan Roth, JD (she/hers) | Senior Counsel | Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.

Megan will discuss how to represent youth in child abuse and neglect (CA/N) cases, delinquency cases, youth who have both a CA/N and delinquency case (aka crossover youth), and youth parents in Jackson County Family Court.

11:20 AM Break

11:30 AM **Missouri Guardian ad Litem Standards: Ethical Issues in Representing Older Youth**
Katie Wiehl, JD, CWLS (she/hers) | Director of Legal Services | Jackson County CASA
Kandi Bond, LMSW (she/hers) | Older Youth Program Specialist | Jackson County CASA

Katie and Kandi will go through the MO GAL Standards and discuss ethical issues that may arise when representing older youth as guardian ad litem.

12:20 PM Lunch break

1:00 PM **Advocating for Youth with Higher Needs**
Meredith Mazza, JD, MBA (she/hers) | Manager of Guardians ad Litem | Jackson County CASA
Elisabeth Lee, MSW (she/hers) | Advocate Supervisor | Jackson County CASA
Katelyn Mertensmeyer, (she/hers) | Residential Coordinator | Missouri Children’s Division

Meredith, Elisabeth, and Katelyn will discuss all things about residential placement: the independent assessment process, appealing an assessment, the legal findings for residential, Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs), and more.

2:40 PM **Break**

2:50 PM **Effectively Representing Immigrant Children in Child Welfare Cases**
Rachel Konrad, Rachel Konrad, JD (she/hers) | Immigration Attorney & Director | Judicial & National Engagement with Casey Family Programs
Cristina Ritchie Cooper, JD (she/hers) | Senior Attorney | ABA Center on Children and the Law

Rachel and Cristina will talk about the intersection of immigration law and child welfare law and provide tips on how guardians ad litem can effectively support and advocate for their clients’ needs in both systems.

4:30 PM **Adjourn**

Jackson County CASA

Mission - Our mission is to be a child’s voice in court. We recruit, train and support lay volunteers who act as advocates on behalf of the best interest of abused and neglected children.

Role - Jackson County CASA was founded by the Kansas City chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women to ensure that abused and neglected children in our metropolitan area are given a voice in Court. We have two goals: (1) to secure a safe, permanent home for the child; and (2) to advocate for appropriate medical, educational, and therapeutic resources while the child is under Court jurisdiction.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

- \$275 Attorney
- \$150 Attorneys who commit to one pro-bono Jackson County, Mo. CASA GAL case within 60 days postevent
- Free Non-Attorney CASA volunteer
- Free Faculty, Staff or Student

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