

CASA/CRB Training Opportunities

January-March 2023



1. CASA volunteers are to take twelve (12) hours of on-going training annually, of which 3 hours must qualify as GAL training under Ohio Supreme Court Rule 48, noted as such below: ***Rule 48**.
2. Trainings in **BLUE** are especially recommended and are organized by CASA.
3. Submit all training certificates to **Judy Leb, jleb@co.lucas.oh.us** for credit towards your required annual training.
4. **LCCS Note:** If you miss more than 15 minutes of any training at the Lucas County Conference and Learning Center, you will not be given a training certificate. Arrive on time! Also, there is a charge for parking of \$3.75. Please make sure to bring cash with you.
5. Additional valuable online trainings are available on the following websites:
<https://www.nationalcac.org/online-training-catalog/>
<https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/JudicialCollegePublicCalendar/#/judicialcollegecourses>
Please email Judy Leb to see if the training you are interested in is Rule 48 approved.
6. **Please remember to cancel if you are unable to attend. Thank you!**

****Please scroll to the end of this document for additional Continuing Education that is available January – March 2023.**

National Children's Advocacy Center: Available online, anytime:

Why Parents Don't Believe

Date: Available anytime online

Place: Webinar

Instructor: Chris Newlin, MS, LPC

To sign up: <https://www.nationalcac.org/online-training-catalog/>

Description: Parents and caregivers, when faced with emerging allegations involving the abuse of their child, are suddenly confronted with a situation for which they are poorly prepared. This is not significantly different from other situations involving parents' reactions regarding the well-being of their children. However, the ambiguity of child abuse allegations creates heightened challenges, and this same ambiguity is also a challenge for Multi-Disciplinary Team members involved in the investigation and intervention. This session will identify the difference between belief and ambivalence and how all professionals involved in child abuse cases can assist parents to be supportive and engaged with their children.

Time: 1 Credit Hour

Cost: Free

***Rule 48**

Avoiding Vicarious Trauma and Burnout

Date: Available anytime online

Place: Webinar

Instructor: Maureen Kenny, PhD and Claire Helpingstine, MS with moderator Linda Cordisco Steele

To sign up: <https://www.nationalcac.org/online-training-catalog/>

Description: 1. Participants will become familiar with signs of burnout and vicarious trauma in order to self-identify these conditions.
2. Participants will learn the unique challenges of working with victims of human trafficking and the effects this work may have on them.
3. Participants will learn strategies to avoid burnout and vicarious traumatization from service providers.

Time: 1.5 Credit Hours

Cost: Free

***Rule 48**

Building Strong Brains: Tennessee's ACE Initiative

Date: Available anytime online

Place: Webinar

Instructor: Cary Rayson, MSW

To sign up: <https://www.nationalcac.org/online-training-catalog/>

Description: Participants will learn:

- The architecture of a young child's brain is shaped by interaction between genes and experiences, and this can have either positive or negative results:
- Science makes it clear that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) negatively impact the architecture of the developing brain

Time: 1 Credit Hour

Cost: Free

***Rule 48**

- Children thrive in a safe, stable, nurturing environment of supportive families. Caregivers, neighborhoods and communities

Finding Their Voice: Reasons Children Delay Disclosure

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1.75 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Andra Chamberlin & Kim Madden

To sign up: <https://www.nationalcac.org/online-training-catalog/>

Description: Despite overwhelming scientific consensus that the majority of child sexual abuse victims either delay, or only partially disclose their experiences, expectations of prompt, comprehensive reporting persist. Misperceptions regarding this dynamic can have wide-ranging impacts. Juries may equate a reporting delay with veracity, parents may miss or misread a partial disclosure, and victims may be silenced by watching disbelief of another person's account evolve into disparaging questions of motive. This online webinar will examine the science which informs our understanding of sexual abuse disclosure dynamics across the lifespan. Factors that discourage and enable disclosure will be presented and best practice recommendations for addressing delayed disclosure will be discussed.

Grooming: Making You See and Believe What I Want You to See and Believe

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1 Credit Hour

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Chris Newlin, MS LPC

To sign up: <https://www.nationalcac.org/online-training-catalog/>

Description: The investigation of child abuse is challenging, and the pursuit of evidence associated with the grooming of children, caregivers, and the community environment provides opportunities for investigators to pursue additional evidence. This workshop will provide an overview of research related to grooming and proposes a new framework for the concept of grooming which could dramatically modify current investigatory practices, in addition to enhancing current forensic interviewing efforts.

Poly-victimization: Childhood Exposure to Multiple Forms of Victimization

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: .75 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Heather A. Turner, BA PhD and Sherry Hamby, PhD

To sign up: <https://www.nationalcac.org/online-training-catalog/>

Description: Far too many children are exposed to abuse, violence, and crime. A new emphasis on what is being called "poly-victimization" can help professionals identify the most endangered children and youth, provide the most appropriate interventions, and protect them from additional harm. Poly-victimization refers to the experience of multiple victimizations of different kinds (for example, sexual abuse, physical abuse, bullying, witnessing family violence, and exposure to community violence). This webinar provides participants with information on the latest research on the prevalence, characteristics, and effects of poly-victimization on children and adolescents. The importance of assessment and treatment of poly-victimization and its implications for practitioners is addressed.

The Science and Power of Hope

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1.75 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Chan Hellman, PhD with moderator Karen Hangartner

To sign up: <https://www.nationalcac.org/online-training-catalog/>

Description: Internationally renowned researcher, Dr. Chan Hellman, will share his insight on how the Science and Power of Hope can buffer adversity and stress; provide better psychological, social, and behavioral outcomes for children and adults; and can be increased and sustained by targeted interventions. The development of Hope can be applied individually, organizationally, and in our communities to overcome the impacts of trauma and adversity. Dr. Hellman's presentation provides an opportunity to learn about the core tenants of goals, pathways, and agency (willpower) thinking. Participants leave with practical knowledge to apply in their own lives; and knowledge about how Hope impacts our individual and collective experiences. This presentation will provide individuals and organizations with the foundation for a shared language to use Hope in everyday settings

Ohio CASA Association: Available online, anytime:

Engagement 101

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1 Credit Hour

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Talia Holmes & Nashawn Lariviere, Both Foster Care Advocates, Ohio Department of Job & Family Services

To sign up: <https://www.ohiocasa.org/available-courses/>

Description: Nashawn Lariviere and Talia Holmes draw both from their own lived experiences in the child welfare system and their professional experiences working with current and former youth in foster care to offer suggestions regarding different techniques that CASA volunteers and other professionals can use to effectively engage the youth with whom they work. While there is no single approach that is all inclusive or encompassing –each youth or young adult has their own individual story and experiences– the information provided should be useful to all who work with youth.

Post-Emancipation Services: Young Adult Services & Bridges

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1.5 Credit Hours in 2 Parts, both required

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Sarah Levels, MSW, Bridges Policy Developer, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

To sign up: <https://www.ohiocasa.org/available-courses/>

Description: This video offers an overview of post emancipation services available to young adults 12-18 who have aged out of foster care in Ohio. The presentation begins with a discussion about final transition planning requirements and considerations for youth in foster care. Ms. Levels also provides an overview of Ohio's available post-emancipation services such as Medicaid coverage until the age of 26; the Ohio Education Training Voucher (ETV) which offers grant money to attend college; Young Adult Services' post-care services and supports that are offered through the county public children services agencies; and, Bridges, a state-administered program offering support services to emancipated foster youth who meet eligibility criteria. Finally, the audience is provided information that outlines how, as individuals, we each are able to play an important role in supporting former foster youth on their journey to independence.

Trauma in Childhood

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1 Credit Hour

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Ohio CASA Association

To sign up: <https://www.ohiocasa.org/available-courses/>

Description: Participants will gain a better understanding of how stress and trauma impact children and their behavior. By learning how children can develop the capacity to cope and be strengthened by adversity, participants will be better equipped to provide needed support, help children prepare for stressful situations, and build their own resiliency.

CASA Volunteers + Special Education

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1.5 Credit Hours in 2 Parts, both required

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Kristin Hildebrandt, Senior Attorney at Disability Rights Ohio

To sign up: <https://www.ohiocasa.org/available-courses/>

Description: Participants will gain a better understanding of Ohio's special education laws and processes, as well as specific ways that CASA volunteers can advocate within the educational system on behalf of the children they represent. This session also identifies various valuable resources to further aid the CASA volunteer.

Best Practices: Testifying in Court

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1.75 Credit Hours in 2 Parts both required

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Emily Richter, J.D. & Magistrate Rochelle Abou-Arraj, Lucas County CASA/Juvenile Court

To sign up: <https://www.ohiocasa.org/available-courses/>

Description: Conducted by two highly experienced attorneys, this session gives participants an overview of the CASA volunteer's role when testifying in court, as well as tips for effectively conveying the information considered most important to judicial decision-making. It is appropriate for newer CASA volunteers preparing to present their report in juvenile court, as well as more seasoned CASA volunteers who want to refresh their knowledge.

On the Margin: Foster Youth at Risk of Human Trafficking

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1 Credit Hour

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Ohio CASA Association

To sign up: <https://www.ohiocasa.org/available-courses/>

Description: Attendees will hear an open discussion among adult survivors of human trafficking and experts who are fighting to address the trafficking of juveniles. The conversation is led by former Ohio Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown. Attendees will better understand how professionals and advocates work together to help victims experience "healthy" and accept how to embrace it within their own lives to make change happen. This course has been approved for one hour Sup. Rule 48 continuing education hours.

Understanding Ohio's Child Protection System

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1.5 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Denielle Ell-Rittinger and Renee Lupi

To sign up: <https://www.ohiocasa.org/available-courses/>

Description: This video will walk the participant through a family's journey when the subject of a suspected child abuse, neglect, or dependency report to an Ohio Public Children Services Agency (PCSA). Although there may be some variation in application among counties, all Ohio PCSA caseworkers utilize the same tools and processes for decision-making. The presenters will examine each of those tools, their purposes, the factors a caseworker must take into consideration, and how assessments guide decision-making. Understanding these processes can help the CASA volunteer and attorney guardian ad litem identify and collaboratively secure appropriate services and protections for the child they represent.

Part 1 begins with a look at the first two stages of intervention in Ohio's child welfare system, Intake and Assessment. As the family and caseworker move from the screening of a report to case decision, the video will examine the various decision points and assessments that are conducted to inform the caseworker's decision, as well as the pieces that the caseworker must put in place to protect and guide the child to permanency. This includes a high-level understanding of risk, safety and family assessments, case decisions, and placement options.

Part 2 looks at the third stage of Ohio's child welfare system, case management. This video dissects the elements of a quality case plan and helps the viewer to better understand how the language of the plan affects the family's ability to successfully modify behavior and address the concerns that led to protective intervention. As a CASA volunteer or attorney guardian ad litem you can advocate for families to be engaged in the development of case plans that are written clearly with observable measures and actions that directly link to the identified concerns.

Altering the Path to Delinquent Behaviors: A Guide for GALs

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1.5 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Stefanie Lynn Coe, J.D., CASA of Franklin County

To sign up: <https://www.ohiocasa.org/available-courses/>

Description: Have you wondered how it is that so many of the children represented by CASA Volunteers or attorney guardians ad litem as a result of the child's abuse or neglect end up in the juvenile justice system? This course will help the CASA volunteer and attorney guardian ad litem become familiar with risk factors that may contribute to delinquent behavior, the steps that can be taken to help prevent or mitigate delinquent acts, and the types of community supports that may be available to help.

In this course, a highly experienced attorney describes the legal framework of juvenile delinquency and gives insight as to how this may impact the role of a CASA volunteer or attorney guardian ad litem. At conclusion, the participant will better understand the nature of delinquency and its causes, and have gained knowledge about the factors that contribute to a child choosing to engage in delinquent behavior.

Understanding Addiction: Squirrel Logic

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1.5 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Brad Lander, Ph.D, Clinical Director - Addiction Medicine at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

To sign up: <https://www.ohiocasa.org/available-courses/>

Description: Ever asked yourself, "Why don't they just stop?" Using a mood-altering drug over time creates fundamental changes to the brain that lead to compulsive and self-destructive behavior. This presentation will help the viewer understand substance abuse as a chronic brain disease rather than bad behavior and fully conceptualize the impact of alcohol and drug use on the brain and behavior. Dr. Lander explores the physiology of how substance use becomes addiction and what this means in terms of establishing realistic time frames and expectations to support successful recovery based on neurological findings.

Ohio Supreme Court: Available online, anytime:

GAL: Psychiatric Disorders in Children 2022

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 3 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Supreme Court of Ohio EDU

To sign up: <https://sco.csod.com/client/sco/default.aspx>

Description: What does a guardian ad litem (GAL) need to know, do, or think in order to identify the “best interest of the child” when a psychiatric disorder is a factor in their case? This 3 hour course will explore common psychiatric disorders in children, including causes, symptoms and common treatments. Fact patterns with discussion will help GALs apply the knowledge to realistic situations.

GAL: Advanced Topics in Substance Use 2022

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 3 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Doug Althaus, Esq. LICDC, MAC, ICCS, ICADC ; Kristine Buffington, MSW, LISW; and Michelle Roley-Roberts, Ph.D.

To sign up: <https://sco.csod.com/client/sco/default.aspx>

Description: Parental substance use and dependency can have significant effects on children’s development and well-being from conception through adulthood. The opioid epidemic in Ohio has intensified those effects, and the long term impacts are just beginning to emerge. This course provides Guardians ad Litem with knowledge and resources to help identify issues and make recommendations to impact the lives of children affected by substance use and related trauma.

GAL: Domestic Violence-Informed Practice for GALs 2022

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 3 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: David Mandel, Executive Director, Safe and Together Institute

To sign up: <https://sco.csod.com/client/sco/default.aspx>

Description: Research and experience tells us that many, if not most, cases that are referred to guardians ad litem (GAL) contain domestic violence as a significant component in the family dynamics. Domestic violence patterns that impact child and family functioning can be outside the scope of the legal definition of domestic violence (R.C. 2919.25 or 3113.31). Whether domestic violence is the precipitating cause for the referral to a GAL or is part of a family’s history, the full range of facts surrounding domestic violence must be considered in making recommendations relative to children’s best interests. Interviewing family members, reviewing court documents, and writing reports requires knowledge of the non-offending parent’s action to protect the children as well as the perpetrator’s patterns of behaviors and their impact on child and family functioning to inform appropriate intervention strategies. In this course, GALs will gain critical knowledge and skills to recognize the nuances in domestic violence dynamics and implement practices to foster children’s safety and well-being.

GAL: Advanced Topics in Child Abuse: Corporal Punishment 2022

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: 1.25 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Doug Althaus, Esq. LICDC, MAC, ICC ; Heidi A. Malott, MSW, LISW-S; Lolita M. McDavid MD, MPA, FAAP; and Kirsten Simonton , MD

To sign up: <https://sco.csod.com/client/sco/default.aspx>

Description: This online course will address issues commonly seen by Guardians ad Litem in relation to corporal punishment when assigned to juvenile and domestic relations court cases. The following topics are included in the course:

- Corporal Punishment—What is corporal punishment and when is it used?
- Positive and Negative Consequences—What are the consequences of corporal punishment?
- Alternatives to Corporal Punishment—What can be used in place of corporal punishment?
- Scenarios and Suggestions—What should GALs do in specific scenarios?

GAL: Advanced Topics in Child Abuse: Drug Endangered Children 2022

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: .5 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Doug Althaus, Esq. LICDC, MAC, ICC ; Heidi A. Malott, MSW, LISW-S; Lolita M. McDavid MD, MPA, FAAP; and Kirsten Simonton , MD

To sign up: <https://sco.csod.com/client/sco/default.aspx>

Description: This online course will address child and family issues commonly seen by Guardians ad Litem when assigned to juvenile and domestic relations court cases impacting drug endangered children. The following topics are included in the course:

- Introduction to Drug Endangered Children—What does drug exposure look like? What is normal and what is not?
- Scenarios and Suggestions—What should GALs do in specific scenarios?

GAL: Advanced Topics in Child Abuse: Sexual Behaviors in Children 2022

***Rule 48**

Date: Available anytime online

Time: .75 Credit Hours

Place: Webinar

Cost: Free

Instructor: Doug Althaus, Esq. LICDC, MAC, ICC ; Heidi A. Malott, MSW, LISW-S; Lolita M. McDavid MD, MPA, FAAP; and Kirsten Simonton , MD

To sign up: <https://sco.csod.com/client/sco/default.aspx>

Description: This online course will address child sexual behavior issues commonly seen by Guardians ad Litem when assigned to juvenile and domestic relations court cases. The following topics are included in the course:

- Child Sexual Behavior Inventory—What is normal and what is not?
- When to Be Concerned—What are the warning signs that something is abnormal?
- What GALs Should Do—What should GALs do in specific scenarios?

January 2023

Methamphetamine Use in Child Welfare: Standing on Thin Ice - IN-PERSON

***Rule 48**

Date: January 24, 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Place: Lucas County Conference and Learning Center, 711 Adams Street

Instructor: Brian Bethal

To sign up: Email Megan Hite at megan.hite@jfs.ohio.gov

Description: This workshop will highlight the increased prevalence of methamphetamine use and offer participants a comprehensive overview of the risk factors associated with meth use and manufacturing. Moreover, this training will provide participants with the most evidenced-based treatment strategies for working with individuals struggling with meth addiction.

Supporting & Working with African-American Families: A Non-Stereotypical Approach - IN-PERSON *Rule 48

Date: January 27, 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Place: Lucas County Conference and Learning Center, 711 Adams Street

Instructor: Verlinda Bennett

To sign up: Email Megan Hite at megan.hite@jfs.ohio.gov

Description: This workshop explores African-American families in the United States by placing them within the context of culture. This highly interactive workshop fosters self-exploration and self-awareness of one's own culture, including traditions, values, and codes of conduct. Participants will explore common errors individuals make when examining culture and African-American families. By distinguishing between race and culture, participants will review dynamic forces affecting African-American families, parents, and children. Additionally, by using case studies, participants will explore a framework for supporting and proactively working with African-American families.

February 2023

Domestic Violence: The Victim, the Abuser, and the Incident-- IN-PERSON

***Rule 48**

Date: February 3, 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (3 Credit Hours)

Place: Lucas County Conference and Learning Center, 711 Adams St. **Cost:** Free

Instructor: Paula Walters

To sign up: Email Megan Hite at megan.hite@jfs.ohio.gov

Description: Domestic violence is a public health epidemic. It is also one of the most dangerous scenes for first responders. People face challenges when caring for adults or children whose life experiences have been centered around domestic violence. Domestic violence is difficult to understand because there is often blurred lines of what abuse actually is. Attendees will be address myths that surround abuse as well as be challenged to confront their own bias regarding the abusers, the victims, and the incidents of abuse. This workshop takes you to the uncomfortable steps of "walking a mile in their shoes." The first step in addressing the struggles of those living with domestic violence is to understand it.

Strangulation: What Every Caseworker Needs to Know-- IN-PERSON

***Rule 48**

Date: February 3, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (3 Credit Hours)

Place: Lucas County Conference and Learning Center, 711 Adams St. **Cost:** Free

Instructor: Paula Walters

To sign up: Email Megan Hite at megan.hite@jfs.ohio.gov

Description: Strangulation has been identified as one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence and sexual assault. Strangulation is an ultimate form of power and control where the batterer can demonstrate control over the victim's next

breath: It may have devastating psychological effects or a potentially fatal outcome. In strangulation, unconsciousness may occur within seconds and death within minutes. Death can occur in the days following the incident as well. When domestic violence perpetrators choke (strangle) their victims, not only is this felonious assault, but it may be an attempted homicide. Strangulation is often considered the "last warning shot" before homicide.

March 2023

Working with Male Survivors of Human Trafficking: The Silent Survivors-- IN-PERSON

***Rule 48**

Date: March 6, 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (6 Credit Hours)

Place: Lucas County Conference and Learning Center, 711 Adams St. **Cost:** Free

Instructor: Brian Bethal

To sign up: Email Megan Hite at megan.hite@jfs.ohio.gov

Description: This training will provide an overview of human trafficking specific to male victims. In an attempt to better serve this population, the curriculum will highlight the complex characteristics associated with male victims. Specific strategies and recommendations will be offered when working with male survivors of trafficking.

Promoting Successful Futures by Addressing Child Traumatic Stress in the Child Welfare System IN-PERSON

Date: March 10, 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (6 Credit Hours)

(6 Credit Hours)

This training will help child welfare professionals who have little or no experience or training in child traumatic stress and trauma-informed care to incorporate these practices into their daily work. It includes an overview of the types of trauma (complex, intergenerational, cultural, and historic) and the impact of trauma on child development. It will also provide instruction on how to engage youth and families - using a combination of Donna Hick's Dignity Model, a case study, and participant's own case experiences - to put the Nine Essential Elements of Trauma-informed Care (NCTNS 1st edition) into practice. A significant portion of the workshop will address the risks of vicarious trauma, and identify organizational, team, and individual strategies for reducing these risks and promoting resiliency.

Psychotropic Medications-Questions to Ask: The Who, What, How, When and Why of Kids on Meds-- VIRTUAL

Date: March 14, 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (6 Credit Hours)

Place: Lucas County Conference and Learning Center, 711 Adams St. **Cost:** Free

***Rule 48**

Instructor: Stacy Simera

To sign up: Email Megan Hite at megan.hite@jfs.ohio.gov

Description: The purpose of this course is to educate foster parents and other caregivers on psychotropic medication use in the treatment of mental disorders among children and adolescents. Specific attention will be paid to answering the questions most people ask, or should ask, regarding psychotropic medication.