Press Release

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CASA Hold First In-Person Volunteer Training Since 2019

BATON ROUGE, La. – Abused children in East Baton Rouge Parish are waiting for an advocate to speak up for them now. Capital Area CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Association needs community volunteers to become advocates for these children. Caring adults – especially male and African American individuals – are needed to speak up for abused and neglected children and youth living in foster care.

CASA volunteers advocate for these children to help them reach safe, permanent homes. CASA volunteers do not provide legal representation, nor do they replace social workers. A CASA volunteer is an independent voice speaking solely for the best interests of the child.

The first in-person volunteer training session of 2021 for Capital Area CASA Association will begin on Tuesday, July 13 at the CASA office located in downtown Baton Rouge. CDC guidelines will be followed so there will be limited spaces available. The next in-person class is in September and virtual classes will continue.

No special background is required to become a CASA volunteer. The first step is to attend a 30-minute virtual orientation session.

**Upcoming orientation dates:**
- Tuesday, June 15 at 10am or 5:30pm
- Thursday, June 17th at 12pm
- Tuesday, June 22 at 10am or 5:30pm
- Thursday, June 24th at 12pm
- Saturday, June 26th at 10am or 5:30pm
- Tuesday, June 29 at 10am or 5:30pm

To learn more about CASA or to RSVP for an orientation visit [www.casabr.org/volunteer](http://www.casabr.org/volunteer)

The mission of Capital Area CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Association is to advocate for timely placement of abused and neglected children in permanent, safe, and stable homes.

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