

CASA of Brown County

Instructions for Continuing Education Credits

We ask that each active CASA volunteer complete 12 hours of continued education each year after training in order to increase your skills to remain a maximally effective CASA volunteer. There are several options for ways to receive your Continuing Education Credits.

Option 1: Go to the Monthly Volunteer Meetings (1 ½ hours each)

If you go to at least 8 meetings a year, your annual credits will be satisfied. You do not have to record these meetings anywhere because the CASA staff does this for you. However, you may choose to record the miles driven to and from these meetings on your Monthly Activity Report forms in order to track for tax purposes.

Option 2: Attend an Event Related to CASA Work

This can be anything from going to a seminar, lecture, or conference, to attending a recommended event by the CASA staff which can be found in the “Educational Opportunity” section of the Advocates’ Notebook. The subject matter of these events should be related to the issues experienced by CASA volunteers or the families they work with, and should be approved by CASA staff in order to receive credit.

After attending this event, you should write a few paragraphs reflecting what you observed or learned. You can submit this to your volunteer coordinator and record it on a “CASA Volunteer Continuing Education Hours” form.

Option 3: Watch a Movie (3 hours)

You may choose to watch movie relevant to CASA work and write a reflection paper on it. You may select your own movie and contact the CASA office to see if it will fulfill this requirement, or you may choose one of the following movies which are pre-approved and recommended by CASA staff:

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| 1) The Blind Side | 5) Losing Isiah | 9) Gone Baby Gone |
| 2) Dead Man Walking | 6) Precious | 10) The Fighter |
| 3) Little Miss Sunshine | 7) Big Daddy | 11) Moonstruck |
| 4) Life As A House | 8) Everything’s Fine | 12) Welcome to the Riley’s |

Specific questions to be answered for each movie can be obtained from your volunteer coordinators. Be sure to record this activity on the “CASA Volunteer Continuing Education Hours” form.

Option 4: Read an Article or Book (1-4 hours)

There are many great books and journal articles which are relevant to CASA issues. Contact the volunteer coordinators to approve a book or journal article which you have found, or ask for suggestions. The CASA office has a small library of books which would satisfy this requirement, and we can also supply an extensive list of resources for other books and journal articles. After you have read the material, write a few paragraphs describing what you have learned, what you found to be most interesting, and how that can be applied to your work as an advocate. The number of credits that you receive for this option will depend on the length of your reading selection and the depth of your reflection paper.