

SFCASA News



March 2020

Upcoming SFCASA Events

- 3/11 Juvenile Justice CE
- 3/14 Outward Bound Day
- 3/18 Personal Development CE (Part 2)
- 3/23 Ed. Rights Holder Booster CE

Check out our Monthly Calendar

Advocate Link (AL) is Changing... for the Better!

We have made exciting changes to the activity logs and quarterly surveys! By now, you are able to add log hours without needing to create a survey. As a CASA, you have also received an email inviting you to complete the quarterly survey for December 2019 through February 2020. Please remember your activity logs are required by the Judicial Council of California, the oversight body for all CASA programs in our state. Should you have questions or comments at this time, please email or call our Program Director, Erika Dirkse at Erika@sfcasa.org and (415) 398-8001 x106.

District 5 Youth Town Hall



Foster-SF

Know Anyone Thinking of Becoming a Foster Parent?

The Human Services Agency (HSA) is launching a campaign to recruit more foster parents in our city. There is a dire shortage of foster parents in San Francisco and, as a result, most foster youth are placed outside the city. Our goal is to keep foster kids in their own community, connected to the city they know and love, in addition to the relatives, friends and school connections they rely upon every day.

This problem is solvable and you can help. 100 homes can make all the difference. Many different types of San Franciscans can make great foster parents, including:

- Adults of all ages—there is no maximum age limit.
- Renters and homeowners— in an apartment or a house.
- Any marital status or sexual orientation.
- Those with or without a job.
- Families with young children, grown-up kids or none at all.
- Households that speak languages other than English. Citizenship status may not prevent you from applying.

For more information, visit Foster-SF.org

The San Francisco Youth Commission wants to hear from the youth of District 5 (Western Addition, Hayes Valley, Lower and Upper Haight, NoPa, Cole Valley, and Inner Sunset) about the issues they face in their daily lives and how City government can help. This is a great opportunity for our youth to share about their experience in dependency in San Francisco and learn about local programs and resources. The event will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 1-3 pm at Buchanan YMCA. Register [here](#).

or call (415) 558-2200. Follow and share the campaign's [facebook](#) page.

Free Tickets!

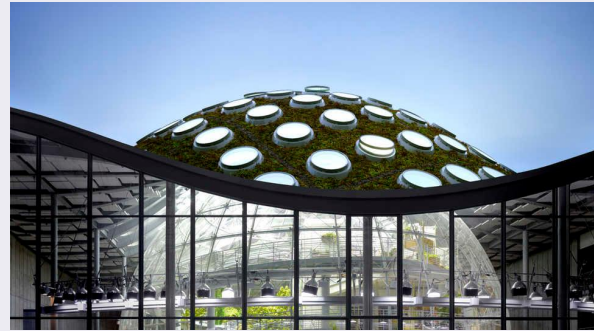
We have plenty of free tickets and memberships available to CASAs and their youth to explore the Bay Area.

Highlighted Activity:

[Touchstone Climbing](#), an indoor rock climbing gym with numerous locations throughout the Bay Area, is providing the following discounts to CASA:

CASAs can bring in their youth for free to use any Touchstone Climbing gym. CASAs that are members of Touchstone (or become members of Touchstone) can add their youth to their membership for free.

Free Tickets



Visit California Academy of Sciences in March!

Dates: March 14-20 (request by March 8)
March 21-27 (request by March 15)
March 28-31 (request by March 22)

Arrival Times: 11:00AM | 11:30AM |
12:00PM | 12:30PM | 1:00PM | 1:30PM |
2:00PM | 2:30PM

Email our Program Assistant at christina@sfcasa.org with your preferred date and arrival time.

It's Never Too Early to Plan for Summer!



It's never too early to start planning for summer! Many summer programs open enrollment in February or March and fill up quickly. Check out our [summer camp guide](#) for activities your youth can participate in around the Bay Area. SFCASA has plenty of [financial resources](#) available to support or cover the costs of summer programs. Don't let finances be a barrier! Contact your Case Supervisor if you have any questions.

Not sure where to start looking

for summer programs and camps? Visit one of [DCYF's Summer Resource Fairs](#) this spring (March-May) to learn more about summer options in San Francisco.

Have you heard about SOAR?

SOAR (Support, Opportunities, and Rapport) is a summer residential pre-collegiate academy at UC Berkeley for middle school-aged (grades 6-8) foster youth. SOAR aims to help young people graduate from high school, attend college, and succeed in life. The program includes academic enrichment, outdoor activities, life skills training, success stories from former foster youth and more. This is a great opportunity for youth to build self-esteem, challenge themselves, and meet lifelong friends and mentors. Learn more at <http://soarfor youth.org/>. The [application](#) is due on April 10, 2020.

