

SFCASA News

November 2021

New Vaccination Policy

SFCASA has implemented a mandatory vaccination policy for volunteers, staff, and board members effective November 1, 2021. Through this policy, we are asking that all active CASA volunteers provide proof of vaccination by November 30, 2021, or formally request a medical exemption.

You can view the full policy and instructions for uploading your forms and documents to AL (as a pdf, png, or jpg only, please) [here](#).

Vax-Curious TAY Dinner Event

All attendees will receive a \$25 Visa gift card & dinner at the event

JOIN OUR VAX CURIOUS DINNER!

Come and chat with community members about the COVID-19 vaccine, hear their stories, and ask questions!

November 17 from 5:30-7pm at the HYPE Center

Register Here!



OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS WILL INCLUDE EJ JONES, A YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

THE HYPE CENTER IS LOCATED AT 198 POTRERO AVE. IN SAN FRANCISCO



*Please wear a mask and expect a temperature check at the door

PLEASE REACH OUT TO THEODORA LIEBHART WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Theodora@sfcasa.org
(628) 867-7373



SFCASA along with SFILSP and the HYPE Center will be hosting a VAX Curious Dinner Event consisting of delicious food, \$25 VISA gift cards for ALL youth who register AND attend, AND an expert panel of community members to discuss the COVID-19 Vaccine. Young people are encouraged to bring their questions and voice any hesitation they are experiencing in a judgement free zone.

Youth can register using the QR code on the flyer OR PSWs, Advocates, Attorneys and Probation Officers can register the youth on their behalf using this [link](#).

Please contact TAY Coordinator Theodora Liebhart via email at theodora@sfcasa.org with any questions!

Sign up for SFCASA Day at the Beach 2021!



Join us for community building and FUN at our Day at the Beach event in partnership with MeWater Foundation!

Monday, November 22nd, 11 AM - 3 PM in Half Moon Bay

Youth and their CASAs, **ages 6-14**, are invited for a day at the beach- learning to surf, boogie boarding, swimming, building sand castles, and more (also a great opportunity to connect with other CASAs).

Youth do *not* need to know how to surf or even swim, full winter wet-suits and boards will be provided and experienced volunteers will be instructing. Temperatures average around 65-75 degrees this time of year, but we will reschedule if weather is uncooperative.

MeWater Foundation was founded in 2015 by mental health professionals and surfers as a way to share the magic of mother nature with youth and families who otherwise might not have access to the oceans, parks and mountains.

Contact Luna at luna@sfcasa.org with any questions and to register. We will be hosting another Day at the Beach for youth 14+, stay tuned!

Some transportation assistance is available.

CASA Community Network (CCN) Survey

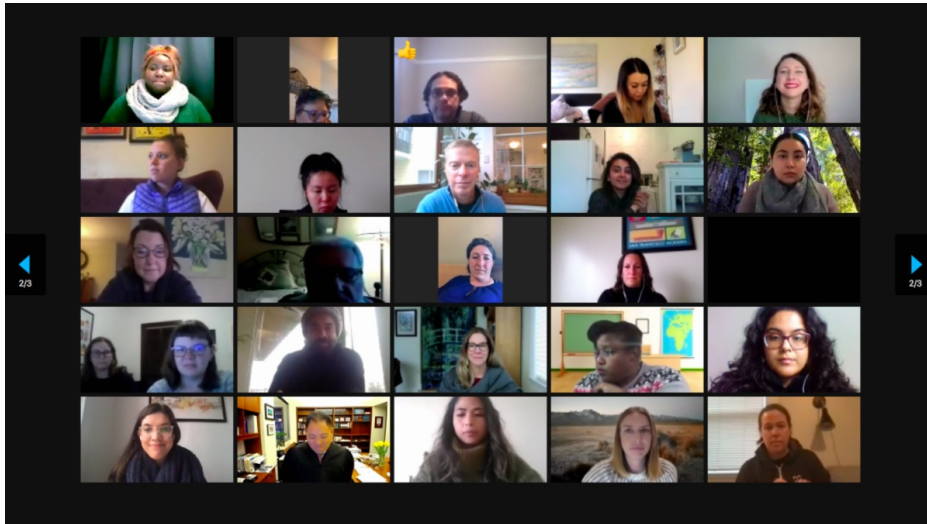
The CCN brings Advocates together to build community and foster shared learning. We plan and organize CASA events to promote social connections within the CASA community, provide peer support for CASA volunteers, increase CE opportunities, and boost CASA retention and recruitment efforts.

We are seeking CASAs to join our existing team of awesome CCN committee members as a part of the core CCN planning team. The team would meet regularly (minimum monthly) to plan and lead CCN events where Advocates would be able to learn and lean on each other. If you are interested please complete the following [Survey](#).

Please contact shiko@sfcasa.org if you have any questions.

Upcoming SFCASA CE Opportunities

*Connect and learn with fellow Advocates
while enhancing your Advocacy!*



Pulling it All Together and Getting Started (Part 3 of Juvenile Justice Booster Series) on **Wednesday, November 3rd, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** on Zoom (2 CE Credits)

This training, focused on practical learning, will give Advocates serving JJ youth a deeper understanding of the role. SFCASA's Juvenile Justice Coordinator, Gabriela Bayol, will cover getting started on a case, tips around engagement and court report writing, what to expect from a JJ status review report, and using Advocate Link. We will also discuss strategies for education advocacy that may be useful for Advocates working with JJ youth.

Register [here](#).

Forming Creative Connections with Your Youth on **Wednesday November 10th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** on Zoom (2 CE Credits)
with **Allison Roeser**

This workshop will focus on how to creatively connect with your youth. In particular, how to reach out, be in contact and plan activities that will support the development of your relationship. We'll be using breakout rooms so that CASAs are grouped by youth age and can talk "real-time" to learn from each other about what's worked well. You'll leave this workshop with new and fresh ideas for how to connect with your youth!

Register [here](#).

Cultural Sensitivity When Working With Families on **Monday, November 15th, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** on Zoom (2 CE Credits)

Practicing cultural sensitivity requires looking beyond one's own experience and approaching the experiences of others without judgement. Explore the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on different minority groups and recommendations for

CASAs on how to best manage these in a culturally sensitive way. What is acculturation? Understand how as providers we can better advocate and provide cross-cultural services to our youth and families. Review the importance of role-modeling, self-disclosure and the importance of how to set necessary boundaries.

Register [here](#).

Partner Trainings

Child and Family Team (CFT) Meetings on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM on Zoom (1 CE Credit)
CalCASA Training

Did you know that a child or youth is required to have a CFT within the first 60 days of entering into the child welfare or probation foster care placement? Did you know that for children or youth in placement receiving intensive care, home-based services, or therapeutic foster care, a CFT meeting must occur at least every 90 days? How may a CFT look different for a Non-minor Dependent (NMD)? If the CFT cannot agree on placement, who makes the final decision?

These are just a few questions people asked; come to the November 17th webinar to hear about the purpose, best practices, and how CASA volunteers play a critical role.

Register [here](#).

Strengthening Families Using a Racial Equity Lens on Thursday November 18th, 2021 from 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM on Zoom (1 CE Credit)
Center for Innovation and Research, Jessica Pryce Training

Building relationships with families who come into our system takes a level of self and cultural awareness, understanding and trust. Data shows that families of color are disproportionately represented in the foster care system, and experience poorer outcomes. This virtual training will provide some historical context associated with child welfare and the standards that our society upholds regarding parenting. It will include a discussion of types of racism and how they are at play in our global child welfare infrastructure. The training will focus on how child welfare professionals can collaborate with families to enhance their capacity to protect their own children, with a focus on family engagement as a key strategy. Participants will be invited to envision a new system and to articulate their own role in addressing racial equity.

Register [here](#).

(more partner trainings can be found on our [website](#))

**Transitional Age Youth/ Non-Minor Dependent Corner
(TAY/NMD)**

India Basin Tech Hub offers free access to WiFi, laptops, and technical support every Monday - Friday from 10 AM - 3 PM in India Basin Shoreline Park

INDIA BASIN
TECHHUB

FREE

FREE HIGH-SPEED WIFI
FREE LAPTOP AND TABLET LENDING
FREE ON-SITE TECHNICAL SUPPORT

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 10AM - 3PM
INDIA BASIN SHORELINE PARK
 (HUNTERS POINT BLVD & HAWES)

DRIVE UP OR WALK UP | IN-VEHICLE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE | RESTROOMS ON-SITE

TECH HUB STAFF AND VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AND FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES AT ALL TIMES.

THE TECH HUB IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE INDIA BASIN PARK PROJECT TEAM, WHICH IS WORKING TO CREATE A TRANSFORMATIVE 10-ACRE WATERFRONT PARK HERE IN THE BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT NEIGHBORHOOD.
 IBWATERFRONTPARKS.COM

HIRING FAIR



RSVP

link.owd.org/HiringFair

NOV 3, 2021

10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

**One Ferry Building
 San Francisco**

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Language interpreters at the event

SF Office of Economic & Workforce Development's Hospitality Hiring and Resource Fair

On Wednesday, November 3, the SF Office of Economic & Workforce Development will host a Hospitality Hiring and Resource Fair at One Ferry Building from 10:30am to 2pm. [Visit this page](#) to learn more and to register to attend.

Help build UCSF's new research and academic building in this 5 week basic construction training for placement in: carpentry, taping, painting, glazing, floor covering, and more. Participants receive a weekly \$200 stipend and many other benefits.

To apply, contact Mission Hiring Hall by phone (415) 865-2105 or email gchavez@missionhiringhall.org





FREE Construction JOB TRAINING
Build UCSF's New Research and Academic Building at ZSFG

5-week basic construction training for placement in: Carpentry, Taping, Painting, Glazing, Floor covering and others

COURSE OFFERINGS:

- Supportive Services
- Weekly \$200 Stipend
- Union instructors and industry-recognized certificates
- Uniforms and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Job site visit & employer networking

GRADUATES RECEIVE:

- Basic tools and equipment for work
- Union initiation fees
- Case management & referral coordination

REQUIREMENTS:

- At least 18 years old
- Proof of San Franciscoresidency
- Able to pass drug screening
- COVID-19 Vaccination

RECOMMENDED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Valid California Driver's License
- GED or High School Diploma
- For carpenter positions, provide proof of: AA Degree, 600 hrs. of non-union construction experience, or Veteran Status

TRAINING DATES:

- Required Job Readiness Training
October 25, 2021 - October 28, 2021
- 5-week basic construction training
November 15, 2021- December 17, 2021



TO APPLY: Contact Mission Hiring Hall (MHH) Phone: 415.865.2105 Address: 1048 Folsom Street @Russ St. SF CA 94103
Email: gchavez@missionhiringhall.org or Scan QR code for interest form
Accepting applications until 10.22.2021

Want Your Voice Heard?

We, Seedling Consulting Group, are interviewing youth in foster care about their experiences with SexEd and Reproductive Health. Your voice will inform the California Reproductive Health Equity Project (CA RHEP).

This study is not affiliated with providers who share the filer. Participation is voluntary and completely confidential and in no way impacts the services you receive.



California youth in foster care ages 13-17 are eligible to participate



Earn \$50/hour via a Visa e-gift card for the interview



Interviews: 60- 90 minutes
Interview will happen over Zoom!



For more information
Text or Call (571) 475-3077



To see if you are eligible, [click here](#)



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Earn \$50/hour by participating in interviews regarding experiences with sexual and reproductive health.

Find out more and sign up [here](#).

The SF State Vaccine Scholarship Program is for San Francisco residents ages 12 to 17 who receive the COVID-19 vaccine. SF State is offering 10 scholarships to fully fund four years of tuition to the University for eligible youth who register at participating vaccination locations in the city.

Learn more and enter [here](#).



★ GET VACCINATED ★
AND ENTER TO WIN A

★ FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY ★

CASA Tip of the Month

Explore community opportunities- if there is an event or activity you would like to attend, hosted by an organization that SFCASA doesn't have an existing partnership with, you can feel empowered to contact the organization directly and request complimentary tickets as a CASA.

