



Advocate Link

Advocate User Guide

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Document Purpose

This user guide provides step-by-step guidance on how to conduct critical activities in Advocate Link, SF CASA's Salesforce-based Advocate Community.

If you have questions or feedback about the community or this guide, please contact your Case Supervisor.

Important Advocate Link Terms

Activity Log

These are the efforts or actions you commit to your CASA and/or ERH assignment. Each activity will be its own log. For example, if you attend a team meeting without the youth, that will be a log. If you spend time with the youth later that day, that will be recorded as a different log. Each log will be divided into advocacy areas. Activity logs should be entered as they occur to ensure accuracy. Please feel free to batch phone and email time on the same topic.

Quarterly Surveys

These surveys are to track each youth's progress across the five core advocacy areas (Community Connections, Education, Healthcare, Placement, Independent Living Skills (ages 16+) over the quarter by completing them at the end of each quarter. Completing surveys means ranking each of the indicators for the youth. These will be sent to you via email, but the results will be stored in Advocate Link.

CASE: Youth's Case

Consider this the youth's SFCASA case; this includes your assignment. All information under the case is related to the youth's dependency and/or juvenile justice case, such as the hearings and professionals. Most of your data entry and edits will be on the youth's case.

CONTACT: Youth's Contact

This appears as a link that is just the youth's name on the case's page. Consider this the more personal and un-changing information about the youth, such as family members, important non-foster care specific relationships and demographics. All individuals have a contact, including volunteers, professionals, and youth. *A youth's placement is found here, but you must notify your Case Supervisor if this changes.* It is also in the contact that you will add the personal (non-professional) relationships your youth has.

NAMING CONVENTION FOR FILE UPLOADS:

[youth's initials][document date][type of documents]

Ex. "S.T. 05.24.2018 Transcript"

Login and Getting Started

When you are first set up with access to Advocate Link, you will receive a Welcome Email with an email and a link to set up your password.

You can access Advocate Link in subsequent visits by navigating to the URL: <https://sfcasa.my.site.com>

TIPS AND TRICKS

You will automatically be logged off after **15 minutes** of inactivity.

When entering any information that is urgent, please contact your Case Supervisor to notify them as well.

Please make sure to never upload photos of the youth into the database

Advocate Link is now optimized for Mobile!

TIPS AND TRICKS

All actions and functionality is now mobile accessible and optimized for various devices! Key benefits and use cases will be:

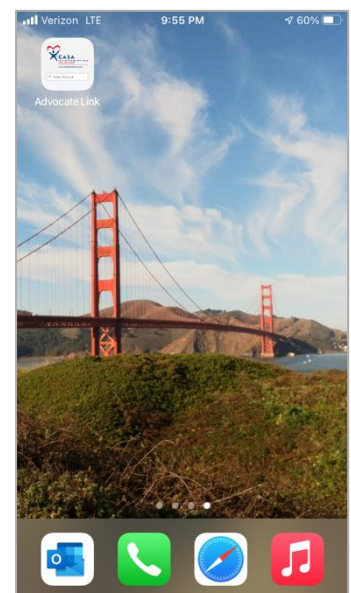
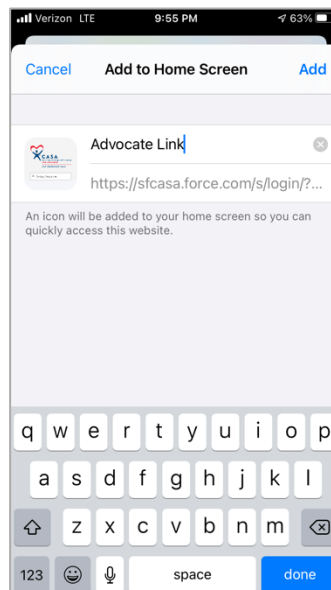
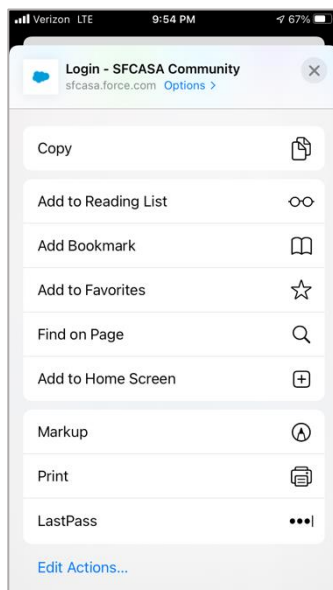
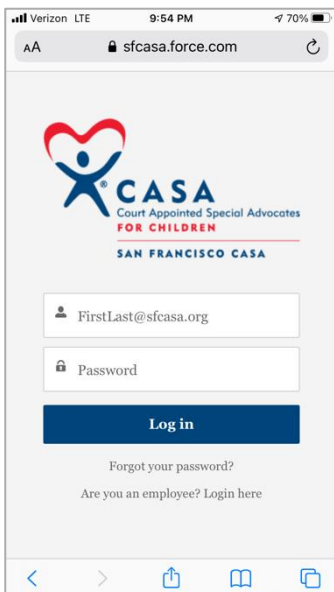
Entering log hours on-the-go after a meeting

Accessing court reports and updating outcomes (dismissal, etc.) in real time.

Creating an App for Advocate Link

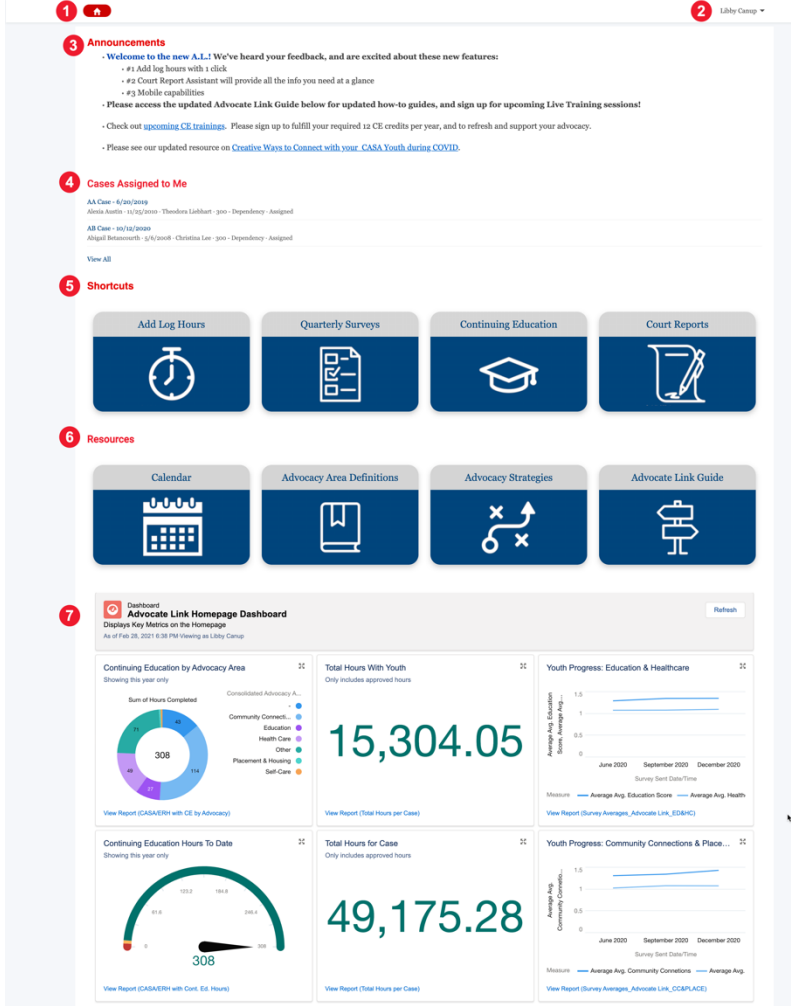
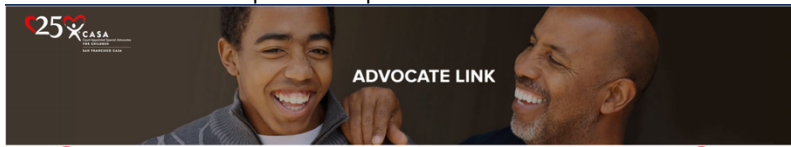
Note: Screenshots below shown for iPhone/iPad.

1. Launch your mobile preferred browser.
2. Navigate to <https://sfcasa.my.site.com>
3. Click the options button for the browser, and choose the "Add to Home Screen" option
4. Rename the link to "Advocate Link" and click "Add".
5. Now you can Launch AL from your home screen of your mobile device anytime!



Introduction to the Home Page

- 1. Home Button:** Click on this button whenever you want to navigate back to the Home screen. This button is always available on any screen.
- 2. Your Name:** By clicking on your name or the down arrow next to your name, a drop-down list will show up. The options available are:



- Home – To navigate to the home screen.
- Edit Contact Information – Personal information like address, phone, language, etc. can be updated along with your email id.

3. Announcements: Area where SFCASA will publish any new announcements or links

4. Cases Assigned to Me: This is where the case assigned to you will be mentioned. Click on the name of the case to navigate to the Case page. If you would like to view all cases assigned to you, click on the View All link

5. Shortcuts: This is your one-click access to common actions and data regarding

- Add Log Hours** – Quick link to log hours without having to navigate to the case

- Quarterly Surveys** – Comprehensive screen showing open items that require your action and key metrics about a particular focus area.

- Continuing Education** – Information regarding upcoming education classes and graphs showing your Continuing Education progress

- Court Reports** – Gives a quick view of upcoming court hearings.

6. Resources: Provides quick access to commonly requested guides and information.

- Calendar** – Link to SFCASA's Calendar of Events
- Advocacy Area Definitions** – Link to document containing important definitions.
- Advocacy Strategies** – Link to a helpful advocacy strategies web page
- Advocate Link Guide** – Link to Advocate Link Guide web page

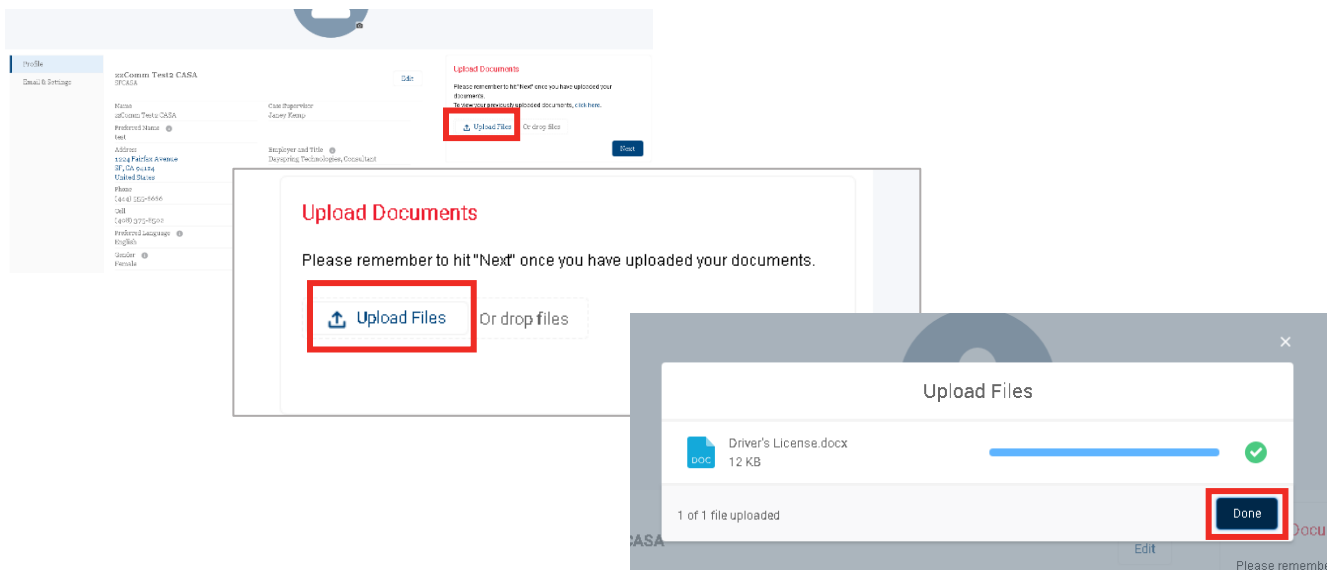
7. Dashboard: This dashboard shows some helpful data points that relate to your youth's progress and key metrics for Logs and CE hours.

Uploading Driver's License and Auto Insurance

1. To upload a photo of a renewed or updated driver's license or auto insurance card/policy, first save the file (from email or upload from scan) on your computer.
2. Login to the Advocate Link, click on the down arrow to the right of your name at the top right of the screen or click your name. Select "Edit Contact Information".
3. Click on the Upload Files button underneath Upload Documents on the right of your screen.
4. Select the file from your computer (or mobile photos) and click Open.
5. Select the type of file from the dropdown.
6. Enter the date of expiration.
7. When the file has completed uploading, click Done.
8. Click Next
9. To view your uploaded documents, click the link in the text that reads, "To view your uploaded documents, click here." This links to your personal files.

TIPS AND TRICKS

You can take a photo of documents on your mobile device and upload your photo using native mobile attachments feature.



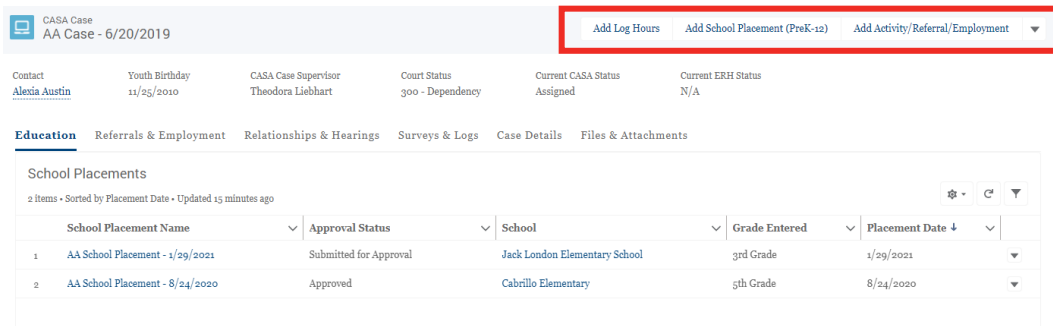
Updating Youth Information

There are five tabs for your CASA case page

- o Education
- o Referrals & Employment
- o Relationship & Hearings
- o Surveys & Logs
- o Case Details
- o Files & Attachments

You will be updating most of your information in all the tabs except Case Details. This is where you can review or updated key details about your assigned case.

Adding new information will be done by clicking on the buttons at the top right of the screen. You may need to click the arrow to see more options.



TIPS AND TRICKS

This information must be approved by your Case Supervisor. Once you've submitted a change, it cannot be edited until your Case Supervisor has reviewed it.

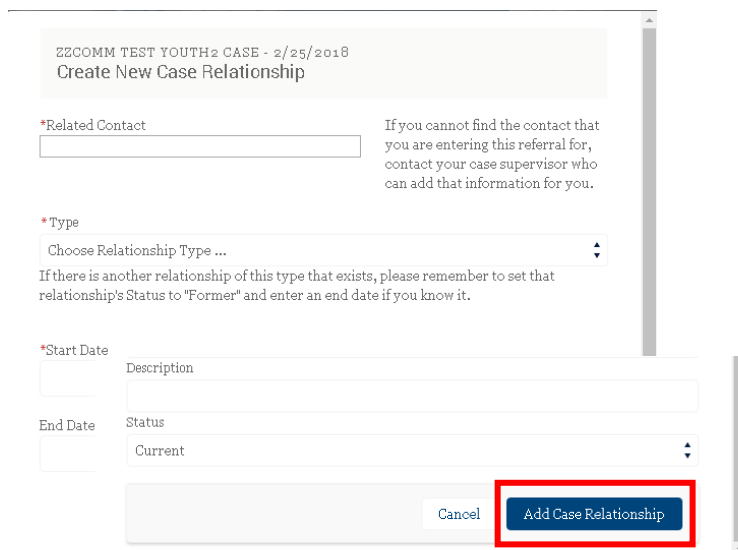
Ensure you get familiar with this page. This is where you can view all information regarding your Youth.

Updating Youth's Case Information (On the Case Page)

Add Case (Professional) Relationship Record

When learning a new professional has been assigned to your youth, using down arrow select (seen in image on previous page) *Add Case Relationship Record*.

1. Enter the name of the professional. When you enter the name, enter the first two or three letters of their name and hit enter.
NOTE: If the professional does not appear, contact your Case Supervisor.
2. Select the appropriate professional.
3. Choose the relationship type.
4. Enter the date of the start of the relationship.
5. Click the *Add Case Relationship* button. This will automatically close the previous professional assigned with the same title unless it is a relationship the youth may have more of such as a therapist. Please discuss with your Case Supervisor.



Entering an Organization Your Youth Participates in

If you are unsure of the type of activity or employment, please contact your Case Supervisor.

1. Click *Add Activity/Referral/Employment* at top right of Case page.
2. Enter the organization name in the organization field until it appears in the drop-down field.

NOTE: If the organization does not appear, contact your Case Supervisor

3. Choose the appropriate category.
4. Provide a brief description.
5. Enter the start date; if it's a referral, enter the referral date.
6. Click *Add Referral or Employment*.

TIPS AND TRICKS

Remember to update the end date when youth is no longer participating. The *referral date field* is only for referrals.

ZZCOMM TEST YOUTH2 CASE - 2/25/2018
Create New Youth Referral

Organization

If you cannot find the organization that you are entering this for, contact your case supervisor who can add that information for you.

Status
Current

Category
--- None ---

Subcategory

Description

Start Date

End Date

Referral Date

Cancel

Editing Court Hearing Information

You can edit court hearing information as needed if there is a change in the time or department.

1. Click on the Relationships & Hearings tab on the Case page.

TIPS AND TRICKS

You can view upcoming court hearings by clicking on Court Reports on the Home screen. Click on the court hearing name and navigate to the Files & Attachments tab to view the document on an upcoming court hearing

CASA Case
AB Case - 10/16/2018

Add Log Hours Add School Placement (PreK-12)

Contact	Youth Birthday	CASA Case Supervisor	Court Status	Current CASA Status	Current ERH Status
Anna Beresnev	12/18/2000	Sue Lockyer	300 - Dependency	Assigned	N/A

Education Referrals & Employment **Relationships & Hearings** Surveys & Logs Case Details

2. Scroll down to the Hearings section. Click the down arrow and select *Edit* next to the hearing or select the particular hearing you need to edit in the hearings section and click edit.
3. Update the department or time if either is incorrect.

Court Hearings

7 items • Sorted by Hearing Date • Updated 7 minutes ago

	Court Hearing Name	Court Hearing Type	Hearing Date	Department
1	AB 366.31 NMD Review 9/18/2020	366.31 NMD Review	9/18/2020	425 Dependency
2	AB 366.31 NMD Review 3/20/2020	366.31 NMD Review	3/20/2020	425 Dependency
3	AB 366.31 NMD Review 9/20/2019	366.31 NMD Review	9/20/2019	425 Dependency
4	AB 366.31 NMD Review 3/22/2019	366.31 NMD Review	3/22/2019	425 Dependency

4. After each hearing, check the box indicating whether the hearing was continued, vacated, or heard.
5. You will also see here the date the first draft of your court report is due to your Case Supervisor.

6. When all necessary editing has been done, click Save.

Viewing Your Court Report, the Status Review Report, or a Hearing's Findings

1. You will receive an email from the SFCASA program assistant when a court hearing document has been uploaded to Advocate Link for you to view.
2. Click on the youth's case.
3. Click on the *Relationships & Hearings* tab
4. Scroll down to the *Court Hearings* section and click on the hearing for which you want to view the document.
5. The document will be found when you click on the *Files & Notes* tab

The screenshot shows the AL system interface for a CASA Case (AB Case - 10/16/2018). The 'Relationships & Hearings' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below it, the 'Edit AB 366.31 NMD Review 9/18/2020' form is visible, with fields for Court Hearing Name, Hearing Date, Hearing Time, Court Report Due, and Department. The 'Files & Notes' tab is also highlighted with a red box, showing a table with columns for Title, Owner, Last Modified, and Size. The table currently contains 0 files.

Creating and Editing a Court Report

1. Log in to AL, and click on the "Court Reports" shortcut file.

The screenshot shows the 'Shortcuts' section of the AL system interface. There are four shortcut buttons: 'Add Log Hours', 'Quarterly Surveys', 'Continuing Education', and 'Court Reports'. The 'Court Reports' button is highlighted with a red box.

2. Click on the blue hyperlinked name of the Court Hearing you'd like to create a Court Report for

The screenshot shows the 'Court Hearings' section of the AL system interface. It displays a table of upcoming court hearings with columns for Court Hearing Name, Court Hearing Type, First Draft Due t..., Hearing Date, and CASA Case. The table contains two items:

	Court Hearing Name ↑	Court Hearing Type	First Draft Due t...	Hearing Date	CASA Case
1	2Y 366.31 NMD Review 11/30/2023	366.31 NMD Review	11/2/2023	11/30/2023	2Y Case - 9/4/2018
2	2Y Initial 364 Family Maintenance (FM) 12/4/2023	364 Family Maintenance (FM) Initial	11/6/2023	12/4/2023	2Y Case - 9/4/2018

3. Navigate to the "Court Report" tab, and click the "Create Court Report" button on the top of the page to generate a new report.

TIPS AND TRICKS

Once a report is created, you can find it directly in the Court Reports tab under the “Upcoming Court Reports” section. This section is below the “Upcoming Court Hearings” section

Court Report Number ↑	Court Hearing	Date of Hearing	Type of Hearing
1 CR-00017	ZY 366.31 NMD Review 11/30/2023	11/30/2023	366.31 NMD Review

4. Click into the Report name (will be in the format “CR-#####”).

5. Information about the Hearing and your Youth will appear at the top of the page automatically.

Court Report Details | Instructions | Court Report Assistant

▼ Admin Details

Status: Draft | Date Submitted: [icon]

▼ Summary Information

Name of Dependent: zzComm TEST YOUTH2 | Petition No.: JD00-0000
 Date of Birth: 9/19/2004 | Dept. No.:
 Age: 19 | Time of Hearing: 3:00:00 PM
 Date of Hearing: 11/30/2023
 Type of Hearing: 366.31 NMD Review

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE: zzComm Test2 CASA

PERSONS CONTACTED: [icon]

RECORDS REVIEWED: [icon]

CONCLUSIONS: [icon]

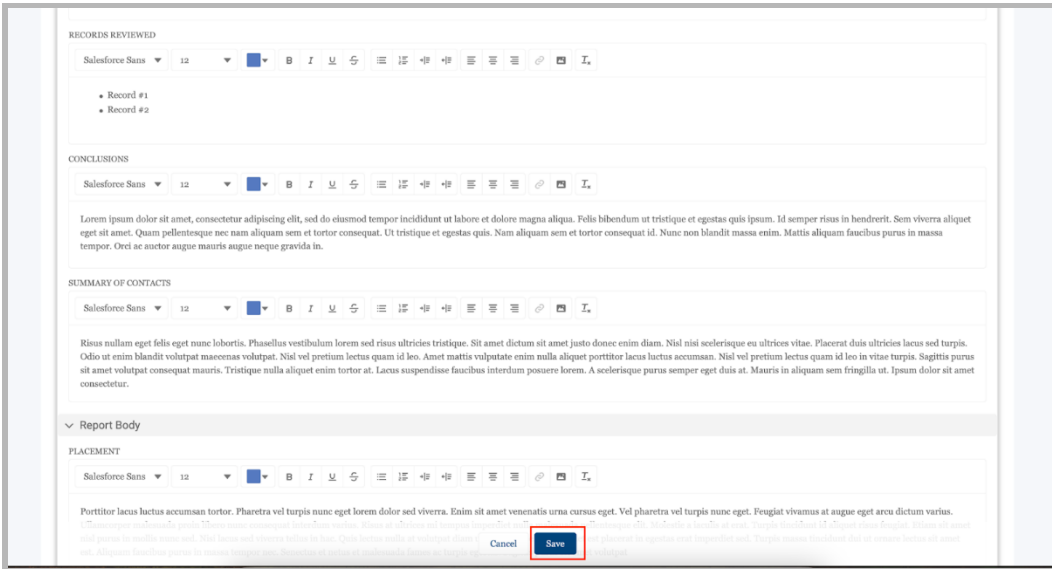
SUMMARY OF CONTACTS: [icon]

▼ Report Body

PLACEMENT: [icon]

EDUCATION: [icon]

6. Click the pencil icon next to any of the open report fields to begin entering information into the report. Once completed, click the “Save” button.

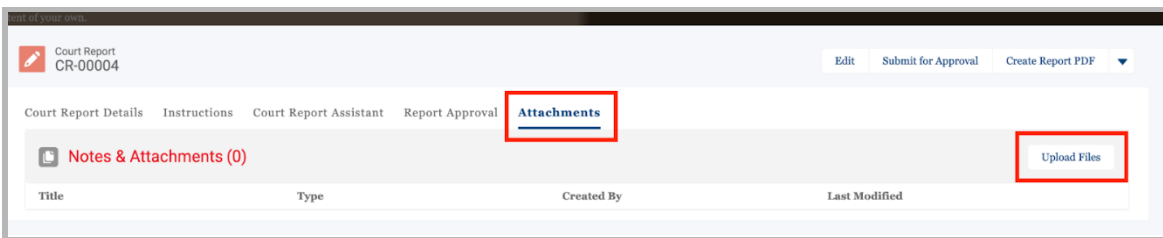


TIPS AND TRICKS

- You can use the full name of your youth - no need to use initials
- You can edit text within each section to add bullet points, numbers, etc. to the text to update the formatting
- Click on the “Instructions” tab to review detailed instructions for each section. You can move to this and the “Court Report Assistant” tab without losing your work. Your session with AL will log out after 2 hours - save your work as you go to avoid losing any additional inputs.

Uploading Photos for the Report (Optional)

1. If you'd like to attach photos to your court report, click on the “Attachments” tab on the Court Report, then click “Upload”.

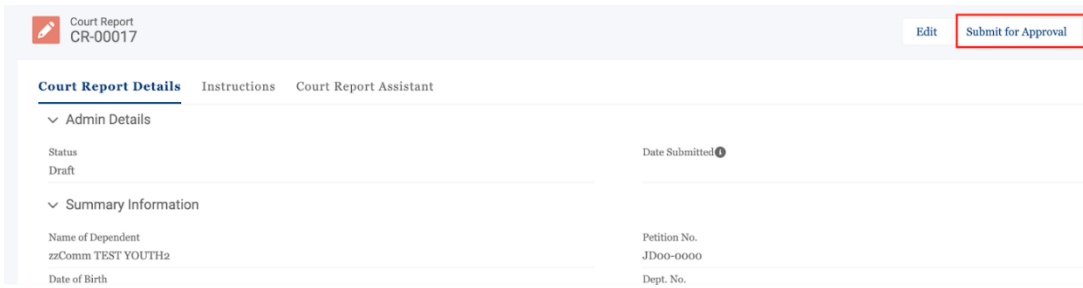


2. Upload the photos you'd like to include. Click “Done” once the upload status is complete.

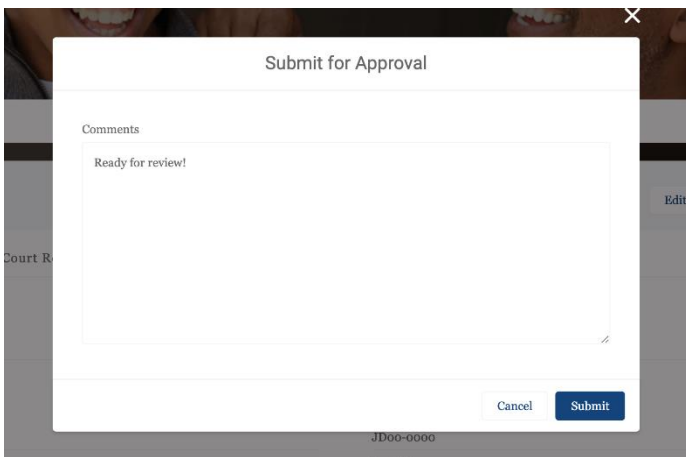


Submitting a Court Report for Approval

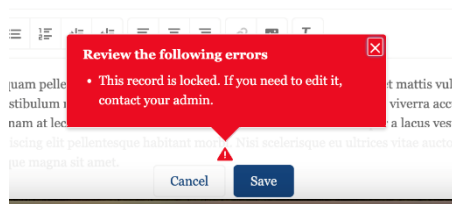
- Once you have completed your Court Report in AL, click the “Submit for Approval” button to submit it to your Case Supervisor for review.



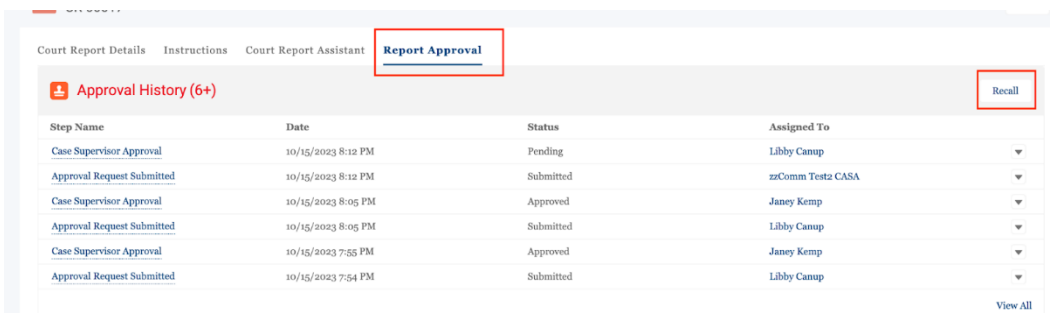
- You can enter notes (optional) for your Supervisor when submitting for approval.



- Once submitted, you will not be able to edit the report, and will see an error message if you try to make any edits.



- If you forgot something or want to make further edits before your CS reviews the report:
 - Click on the “Report Approval” tab on the Court Report record
 - Click the “Recall” button to recall the report, then optionally add Recall notes. You can then make edits and re-submit it to your CS.



Entering Youth's Contact (Personal) Relationship:

These are relationships of permanency (including family members) rather than professional relationships assigned to the case through the court.

1. Click on the youth's contact.
2. Click on the top right button, Add Family/Friend.
3. When you enter the name, they will appear in the drop-down menu.
 - a. If they do not appear, they are not yet in Salesforce. You must scroll down to select to Create New Contact.
 - b. Please enter the information you have about this person. Click Save
4. Select the type of relationship and then Save.

The image displays three overlapping screenshots of the Salesforce interface for adding a contact.

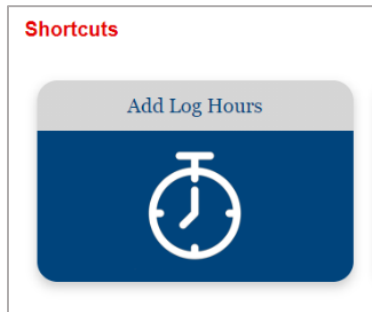
- Top Screenshot:** Shows the 'Add Family or Friend' dialog box. It includes a 'Note About Related Contact' and a 'Type' dropdown menu set to '--None--'. A search bar labeled 'Related Contact' with the placeholder 'Search Contacts...' is highlighted with a red box.
- Middle Screenshot:** Shows the 'Add Family or Friend' dialog box with a list of suggested contacts. The list includes 'Anna Beresnev', 'Judy Melinek and TJ Mitchell', 'Aaron Joy', 'Aaron Joy Household', and 'Elizabeth Test CASA Household'. A '+ New Contact' button at the bottom is highlighted with a red box.
- Bottom Screenshot:** Shows the 'New Contact: General' form. It contains fields for 'Contact Details' (Name, Salutation, First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Suffix, Account Name, Primary Affiliation, Title, Youth's Email) and 'Demographic Information'. The 'Salutation' dropdown is set to '--None--'. The 'Contact Record Type' is set to 'General'. At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel', 'Save & New', and 'Save' buttons.

Youth's Organization Affiliations

You do not need to edit these. These auto-populate from organizations the youth has been involved with in terms of referrals, activities, and employment. Creating and Completing Logs

Entering Logs

1. On the Home Screen click on *Add Log Hours*.
2. On the next screen enter the Case Name assigned to you.
3. Enter the date of the activity
4. Next choose the *Contact Type*. This may pertain to a Telephone Call, Personal Visit, Case Meeting, or Emails/Texts. (If it's not applicable, select *N/A* and enter *N/A* under *Persons Contacted*.)
5. Enter two or three sentences about how this time was spent in the *Summary of Discussion* field.
6. Enter *Total Hours* and *Hours with Youth*.
7. Break up the total hours by percentage of whole in the *% Time in Education, Administrative Work, Healthcare, Court Hearing Time, Community Connections, Travel Time, Placement and Independent* as applicable.
8. Click *Confirm* to submit your log to your case supervisor for review and approval.
9. This log will now show up under the *Logs* section on your *CASA Case*. You are unable to edit logs while they are pending approval by your Case Supervisor.



TIPS AND TRICKS

Always use youth initials only in logs

You can view logged activities by navigating to the Case assigned to you and clicking on the tab *Surveys and Logs*

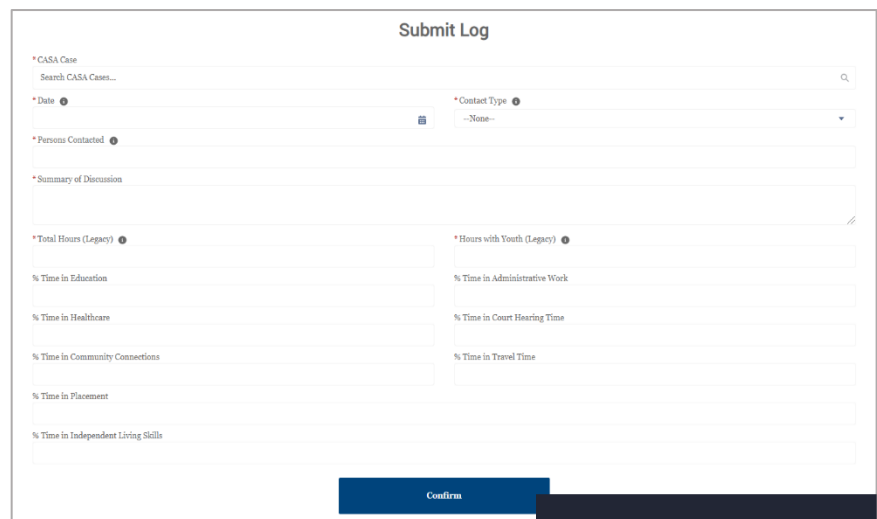
New Logs can also be created by clicking "Add Log Hours" on the *Case Detail Page*

When entering log hours for a case meeting or personal visit, please remember that "travel time" is required as an advocacy area. If you have called in to a case meeting, select the advocacy area of travel time and enter 0%.

Recalling Logs

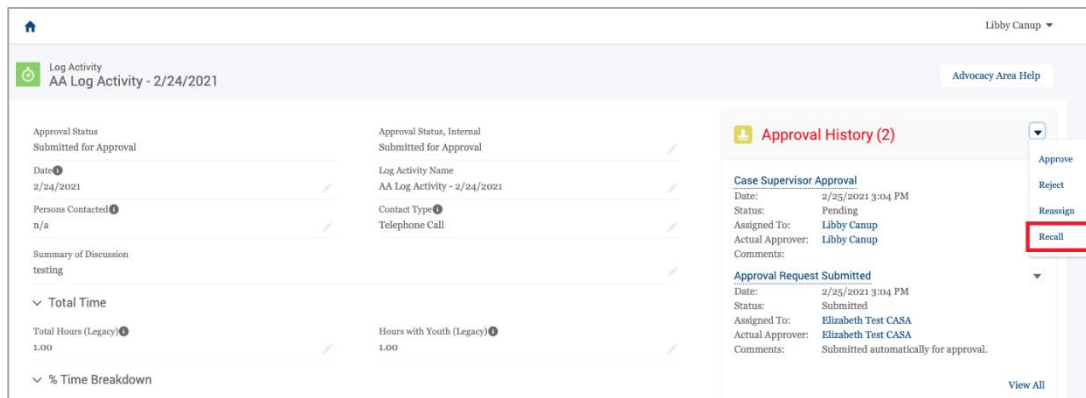
Navigate to the log hours you need to update from the *Case Detail > Logs & Surveys* tab, and clicking on the *Log Activity Name*.

1. In the "Approval History Section, click the dropdown arrow and choose the "Recall" option.
 - a. **Optionally**, you can enter notes about why you want to recall. Feel free to skip this step if you'd like.

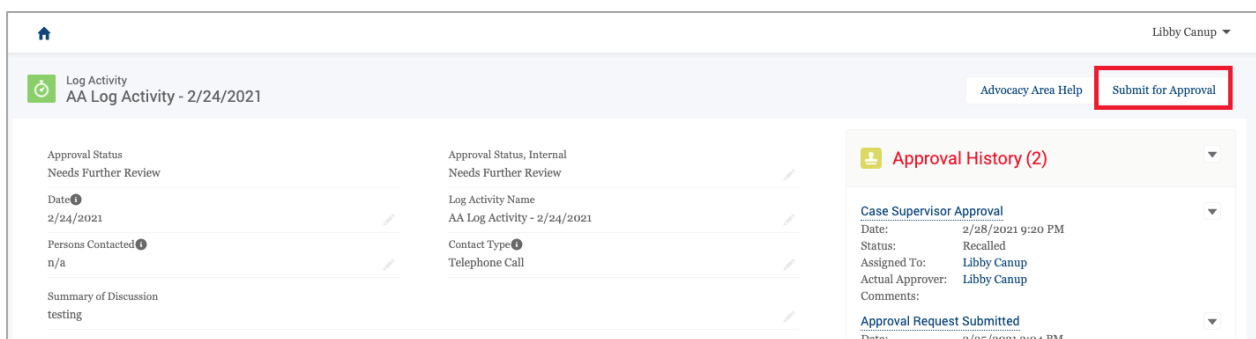
A screenshot of a web form titled "Submit Log". The form contains several input fields: "CASA Case" with a search bar, "Date", "Contact Type" (dropdown), "Persons Contacted", "Summary of Discussion" (text area), "Total Hours (Legacy)", "Hours with Youth (Legacy)", and a grid of percentage fields for "Time in Education", "Time in Healthcare", "Time in Community Connections", "Time in Placement", "Time in Independent Living Skills", "Time in Administrative Work", "Time in Court Hearing Time", and "Time in Travel Time". A blue "Confirm" button is at the bottom right.

TIPS AND TRICKS

If you've made a mistake, you can recall a log before your supervisor approves it.



2. Edit the log details by clicking the edit arrows next to the fields and updating the information. Click Save when you are finished to save your updates.
3. Once ready for review, click "Submit for Approval" to resubmit for approval to your Case Supervisor.



Correcting Logs

1. In the email you receive notifying you need to make updates, click the link to navigate to the log activity.

YOUR LOG ACTIVITY NEEDS FURTHER REVIEW

Hi Elizabeth,

Your recently submitted Log Activity, AA Log Activity - 1/26/2021, from 1/26/2021 has been returned for review by your Case Supervisor. Please review the notes from your Supervisor below, and use the link to navigate to and correct the Log Activity. Once complete, please resubmit the for Approval.

Thank you!

Log Activity Date: 1/26/2021

Returned By: Libby Canup

Returned Date: 1/22/2021 10:59 AM

Case Supervisor Notes: Please update persons contacted.

Link to Log Activity: <https://partial-sfcasa.cs68.force.com/a0w1D0000019pWF>

2. Edit the log details by clicking the edit arrows next to the fields and updating the information. Click Save when you are finished to save your updates.
3. Once ready for review, click "Submit for Approval" to resubmit for approval to your Case Supervisor.

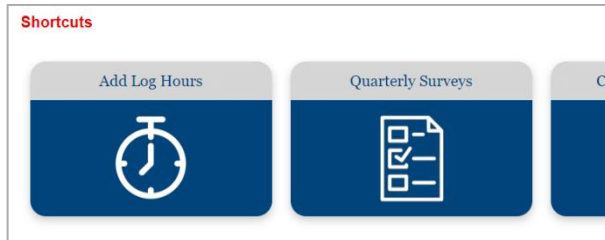
TIPS AND TRICKS

You will receive an email with notes from your Case Supervisor if you need to make updates to a log.

Submitting Quarterly Surveys

Viewing Information on Surveys

1. On the Home screen, click on Quarterly Surveys.

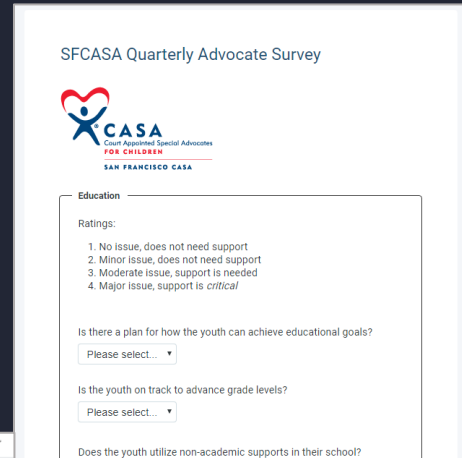


2. On the next screen you can see a list of the pending surveys that need to be submitted, a graph of the progress of your youth in categories like Education and Healthcare, Community Connections & Placement, and Independent Living. *To complete a survey, click on the survey link rather than the survey name.

Quarterly Survey Name	Survey Sent Date/Time	Quarterly Survey Link	Survey Status
AA Q1 20/21	1/4/2021 12:00 PM	https://www.tfafirms.com/forms/view/477...	Sent, Incomplete
AG Q1 20/21	12/1/2020 6:01 AM	https://www.tfafirms.com/forms/view/477...	Sent, Incomplete
AM Q1 20/21	1/4/2021 12:00 PM	https://www.tfafirms.com/forms/view/477...	Sent, Incomplete

TIPS AND TRICKS

Each month, you will receive an email from AdvocateLink@sfcasa.org with a link to your surveys. Certain questions will not be required for those serving youth 15 years of age and younger



TIPS AND TRICKS

To view information regarding Submitted Quarterly Surveys, navigate to the Case assigned to you and click on the *Surveys & Logs* tab. Scroll down to the Quarterly Surveys section and click on the Survey Name to view the Survey status, link, and results.

Log Activity Name	Date	Summary of Discussion	Persons Contacted	Total H...	Total H...
AA Log Activity - 2/24/2021	2/24/2021	testing	n/a	1.00	1.00
AA Log Activity - 2/8/2021	2/8/2021	Test Description	Test	2.00	1.00
AA Log Activity - 1/06/2021	1/06/2021	We discussed remote learning and a new remote after school program with his coach.	Jacob, Coach Sarah	3.00	1.75
AA Log Activity - 1/19/2021	1/19/2021	Test	Test	5.00	4.00

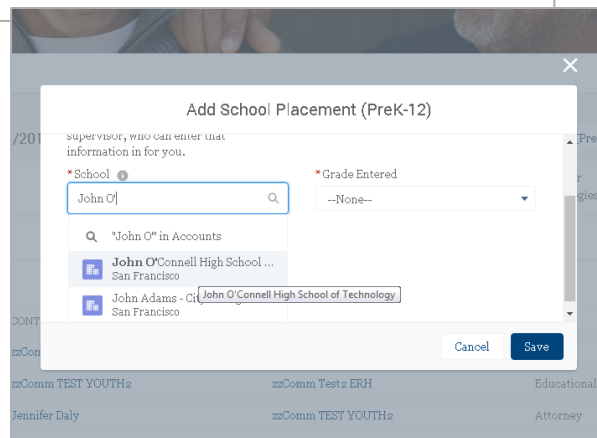
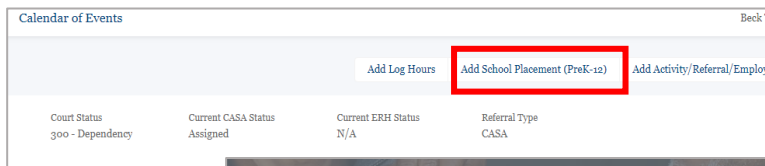
Quarterly Survey Name	Approval Status	Survey Completed Date
AA Q1 20/21	Incomplete	12/23/2020
AA Q1 20/21	Approved	12/23/2020

Updating Youth Education Information

Add/Change PreK-12 School Placement:

This must be done at the beginning of every school year and when your dependent changes schools.

1. Navigate to your assigned case.
2. Click *Add School Placement (PreK-12)* button at top right.
3. Under "School", enter the school name
NOTE: notify your Case Supervisor if you cannot find this school.
4. Under "Placement Date", enter the date they enrolled at this school.
5. Under "Grade Entered", enter student's grade level.
6. Click *Save*.



Add/Change College School Placement:

This must be done at the beginning of every school year and when your dependent changes schools.

1. Navigate to your assigned case.
2. Click the down arrow at top right and select *Add School Placement (College)*.
3. Under "School", enter the school name
NOTE: notify your Case Supervisor if you cannot find this school.
4. Under "Placement Date", enter the date they enrolled at this school (or the first day of school year for subsequent years at same school).
5. Under "Grade Entered", enter student's grade level. (If you have questions regarding current grade level, please contact your Case Supervisor)
6. Click *Save*.

TIPS AND TRICKS

This information must be approved by your Case Supervisor. Once submitted, it cannot be edited until your Case Supervisor has reviewed it.

Add IEP—Part 1:

If your youth has an IEP meeting, you will enter this information. Please request a copy of the IEP from the school. If you are having difficulty understanding the IEP document to input the record, please contact your Case Supervisor.

1. Navigate to your assigned case.
2. Click the down arrow at top right and select *Add IEP Record*.
3. Under "Meeting Date", enter the date of the IEP meeting.
4. Under "Program Type", select the appropriate category. (This one can be tricky—contact your Case Supervisor if you are unclear)
5. Under "School District", select the school district for the plan.
6. Under "Primary Qualifying Condition", please select appropriate category.

7. If the youth has two qualifications, please indicate the "Secondary Qualifying Reason" in the dropdown.
8. If you attended the meeting (even by phone), check the box for "Volunteer Attended".
9. Under "Plan Type", please check all of the appropriate options indicated on the IEP document.
10. Be sure to use the "Notes" section to include any additional information related to the meeting/plan. You will be able to see these notes later.
11. Click Save.

Add IEP — Part 2:

To accompany the IEP record, please request a copy directly from the school. We will be uploading these documents into Salesforce for record keeping on the *Files & Attachments* tab. Your Case Supervisor will not approve the IEP/IFSP record until this is uploaded.

1. If there is a photo of the youth on the document, please block out the photo before uploading.
2. Save the file (email or upload from scan) on your computer.
3. Navigate to your assigned case and then to the *Files & Attachments* tab.

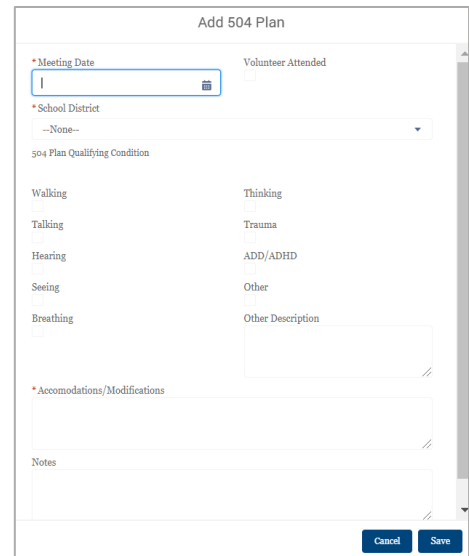
4. Drag and drop a file OR select "Upload File" to select the file you want to upload.

- a. **NOTE: You can only upload one file at a time.**
- b. Once the file completes uploading, click "Done"
5. Chose the File Type IEP in the dropdown menu
6. Enter the Date for the file. This should be the date when the document applies, for example, the date of the IEP.
7. Click "Next"
8. Click "Finish" to complete uploading the file.
9. NOTE: You can repeat steps 3-7 to upload additional files
10. To see the newly updated file, refresh your screen. It will now appear in the "Files" section below the upload portion.

Add 504 Plan—Part 1:

If your youth has a 504 Plan meeting, you will enter this information. Please request a copy of the 504 Plan from the school.

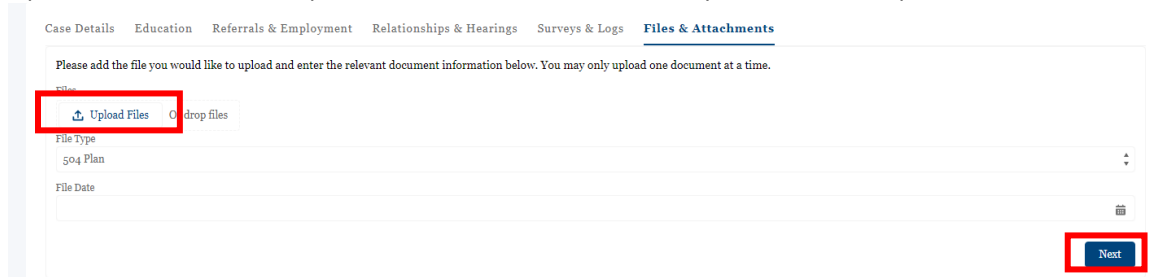
1. Navigate to your assigned case.
2. Click on the arrow next to *Add Activity/Referral/Employment* and select *Add 504 Plan* button at top right.
3. Under “Meeting Date”, enter the date of the 504 Plan meeting.
4. Under “School District”, select the school district for the plan. (If you are having trouble with finding this, contact your Case Supervisor).
5. If you attended the meeting (even by phone), check the box for “Volunteer Attended”.
6. In the qualifications, select and/or write out all the qualifications indicated in the 504 Plan document.
7. Under “Accommodations/Modifications”, please list out all indicated on the 504 Plan document.
8. Feel free to use the “Notes” section to include any additional information related to the meeting/plan. You will be able to see these notes later.
9. Click Save.



Add 504 Plan—Part 2:

To accompany the 504 Plan record, please request a copy directly from the school. We will be uploading these documents into Salesforce for record keeping on the *Case-Related Information* tab and your Case Supervisor will not approve the 504 Plan record until this is uploaded.

1. If there is a photo of the youth on the document, please block out the photo before uploading.
2. Save the file (email or upload from scan) on your computer.
3. Navigate to your assigned case and then to the *Files & Attachments* tab. Click *Upload Files*
4. Drag and drop a file OR select “Upload File” to select the file you want to upload.



- a. **NOTE: You can only upload one file at a time.**
 - b. Once the file completes uploading, click “Done”
5. Chose the File Type 504 in the dropdown menu
 6. Enter the Date for the file. This should be the date when the document applies, for example, the date of the 504.
 7. Click “Next”
 8. Click “Finish” to complete uploading the file.
 9. NOTE: You can repeat steps 3-7 to upload additional files
 10. To see the newly updated file, refresh your screen. It will now appear in the “Files” section below the upload portion.

Add Discipline Record (PreK-12 only)—Part 1:

When learning your youth has been suspended, recommended for a manifestation determination hearing (special education), or recommended for expulsion, you will enter this information.

1. Navigate to the youth's case and select the *Education* tab. Click on the *School Placement Name* (NOT the actual school name which will take you to the school account not tied to the youth)
2. Click *Add Discipline Record* button at top right.

The screenshot shows a 'School Placement' form for 'AA School Placement - 1/29/2021'. The form includes fields for 'School' (Jack London Elementary School), 'CASA Case' (AA Case - 6/20/2019), 'Grade Entered' (3rd Grade), and 'Total HS Credits at Placement' (0.0). Below these fields is a table of school placements:

School Placement Name	Approval Status	School	Grade Entered	Placement Date
AA School Placement - 1/29/2021	Submitted for Approval	Jack London Elementary School	3rd Grade	1/29/2021
AA School Placement - 8/24/2020	Approved	Cabrillo Elementary	5th Grade	8/24/2020

On the right side of the form, there are buttons for 'School Credits (0)' and 'School Discipline (0)'. The 'Add Discipline Record' button is visible at the top right of the form.

3. Under "Date of Incident", enter the date of the incident.
4. Under "School Days

Missed", enter the amount of school days the school determined they could not attend. If this was an in-school suspension, you will enter "O."

5. Under "Discipline Type", select the appropriate category.
6. In the reasons section, select all that apply according to the report from the school.
7. If the youth has been suspended, enter the "Date Return to School".
8. If the youth has been recommended for expulsion or a manifestation determination, enter the "Hearing Date".
9. If the youth has been recommended for expulsion or manifestation determination, enter the "Outcome" of the hearing.
10. Click Save.

Add Discipline Record (PreK-12 only)—Part 2:

To accompany the discipline record, please request copies of the incident, suspension, expulsion, and/or manifestation report(s) directly from the school. We will be uploading these documents into Salesforce for record keeping on the *Case-Related Information* tab.

1. If there is a photo of the youth on the document, please block out the photo before uploading.
2. Save the file (email or upload from scan) on your computer.
3. Navigate to your assigned case and then to the *Files & Attachments* tab. Click *Add Files*

The screenshot shows the 'Files & Attachments' tab in a case management system. The form prompts the user to "Please add the file you would like to upload and enter the relevant document information below. You may only upload one document at a time." It includes an "Upload Files" button, a dropdown menu for "File Type" (set to "504 Plan"), and a "File Date" field. A "Next" button is visible at the bottom right.

4. Drag and drop a file OR select "Upload File" to select the file you want to upload.
 - a. **NOTE: You can only upload one file at a time.**
 - b. Once the file completes uploading, click "Done"
5. Chose the File Type 504 in the dropdown menu
6. Enter the Date for the file. This should be the date when the document applies, for example, the date of the 504.

7. Click "Next"
8. Click "Finish" to complete uploading the file.
9. NOTE: You can repeat steps 3-7 to upload additional files
10. To see the newly updated file, refresh your screen. It will now appear in the "Files" section below the upload portion.

Add High School Credits—Part 1:

This only applies to advocates serving youth in high school, and should be entered at the end of every semester/quarter or when a youth transfers schools. This information can be acquired for high school students by asking the school for a copy of the most recent transcript. Case Supervisors are available to assist with understanding credits on transcripts!

1. Navigate to the youth's case and select the *Education* tab. Click on the *School Placement Name* (NOT the actual school name which will take you to the school account not tied to the youth)

The screenshot shows the Salesforce interface for a case. At the top, there are tabs for 'Add Log Hours', 'Add School Placement (PreK-12)', and 'Add Activity/Referral/Employment'. Below this is a header section with fields for 'Contact' (Alexia Austin), 'Youth Birthday' (11/25/2010), 'CASA Case Supervisor' (Theodora Liebhart), 'Court Status' (300 - Dependency), 'Current CASA Status' (Assigned), and 'Current ERH Status' (N/A). The 'Education' tab is active, showing a table of 'School Placements'. The table has columns for 'School Placement Name', 'Approval Status', 'School', 'Grade Entered', and 'Placement Date'. A red box highlights the 'Add High School Credits' button in the top right corner of the table.

2. Click the button *Add High School Credits*
3. Under "Term", select the appropriate option for the credits you are reporting.
4. Under "School Schedule", select the option the school uses (most high schools use semester).
5. Under "Year" should be when the term started. Ex: 9/2017-1/2018 semester= "Fall 2017".
6. In the subject areas, enter the number of credits earned during that time period (contact your Case Supervisor for assistance, if needed!).
7. Click *Save*.

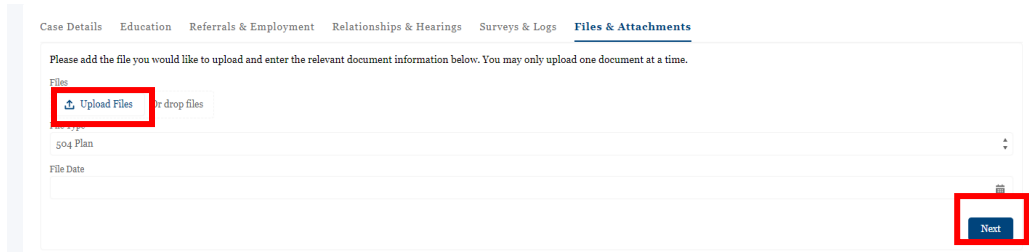
The screenshot shows the 'Add High School Credits' form. It has a header section with 'School Placement' (AA School Placement - 1/29/2021) and 'Total HS Credits at Placement' (0.0). Below this is a table of subject areas with input fields for the number of credits earned. The subject areas are English, Math, Science, Social Science, and Language Other Than English. There are also fields for 'School Schedule' (dropdown menu) and 'Year' (text input). At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

Add High School Credits—Part 2:

To accompany the high school credit record, we will be uploading their transcripts and/or report cards into Salesforce for record keeping on the *Case-Related Information* tab. Your Case Supervisor will not approve the School Credit record until this is uploaded.

1. If there is a photo of the youth on the document, please block out the photo before uploading.
2. Save the file (email or upload from scan) on your computer.
3. Navigate to to the *Files & Attachments* tab.

4. Click *Upload Files*, select the file from your computer, and click *Open*.

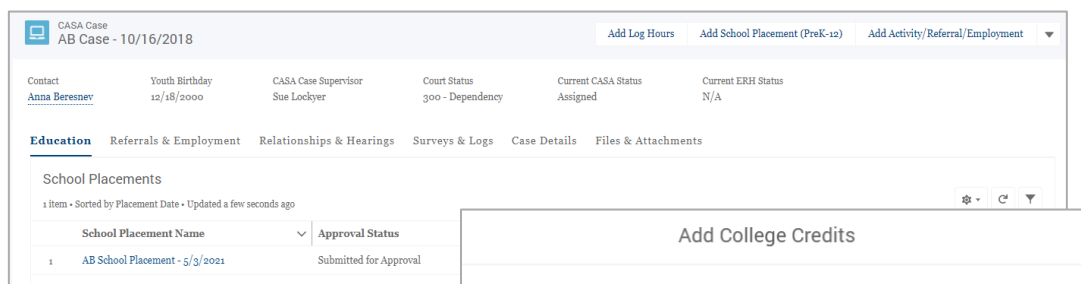


5. Chose the File Type Transcript in the dropdown menu
6. Enter the Date for the file. This should be the date when the document applies, for example, the date of the transcript.
7. Click "Next"
8. Click "Finish" to complete uploading the file.
9. NOTE: You can repeat steps 3-7 to upload additional files
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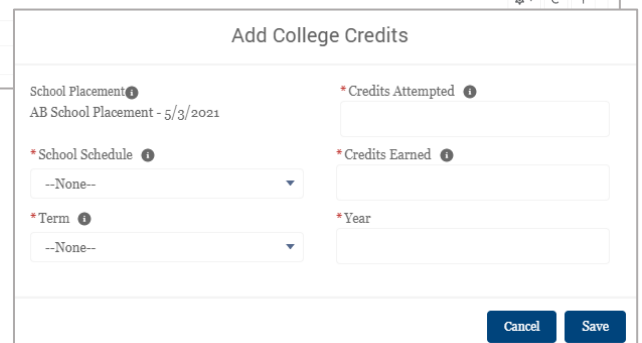
Add College Credits—Part 1:

This only applies to advocates serving youth in college and should be entered at the end of every semester/quarter. For college students, please ask them if they would be willing to share their recent grades with you. Case Supervisors are available to assist with understanding credits on transcripts!

1. Navigate to the youth's case and select the Education tab. Click on the School Placement Name (NOT the actual school name which will take you to the school account not tied to the youth)



2. Click Add College Credits button on the top right
3. Under "School Schedule", select the option the school uses.
4. Under "Term", select the appropriate option for the credits you are reporting.
5. Under "Year" should be when the term started. Ex: 9/2017-1/2018 semester= "Fall 2017".
6. Under "Credits Attempted", enter the amount of credits they are reported as attempting that term.
7. Under "Credits Earned", enter the amount of credits they successfully completed during that term.
8. Click Save.



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How To: Submit Funding Requests via AL

Summary

This guide outlines the steps for a CASA to submit a request for Funding reimbursement \ in AL (Advocate Link). This is the preferred process over emailing this information to your Supervisor or Staff directly.

Steps

1. Log in to AL, and click on the "Funding Requests" shortcut tile.



2. At the top right of the page, there is a section to submit information about the Funding request.
 - a. Select your Youth's Case
 - b. The total amount you spent (may be multiple receipts)
 - c. The Category of the funding
 - d. The name of the Organization / place of the activity
 - e. A description of the cost

Click "Next once completed

SFCASA Sunshine Fund Request

Please enter the Amount, Type, and Description for the funding request. On the next page, you can upload any and all receipts in order to receive timely approval and reimbursement.

Note: For larger up front costs (ex: Camp fees, sports lessons) please reach out to your Case Supervisor before completing the request to determine if the expense will qualify.

* CASA Case

* Amount

* Category/Activity

* Organization Name

* Description

Next

SFCASA is happy to support youth needs!

A receipt(s) is required for all Sunshine Fund requests.

For Youth Needs: please work with your Case Supervisor to apply to [other funding sources](#) before making a Sunshine Fund request, if possible. In addition, SFCASA has a variety of gift cards available for youth so please ask your Case Supervisor to access any gift card(s).

For Advocate Travel: if travel costs are a barrier to visiting with your assigned youth, we strongly suggest that you request a gas card from your Case Supervisor. If necessary, you can be reimbursed for the cost of mileage (\$0.14/mile). Please provide a screenshot of a map showing the miles driven (city to city – no addresses needed), and submit your log(s) for the visit(s) prior to requesting reimbursement. Finally, you may request an Uber voucher from your Case Supervisor once per month for travel to visit your assigned youth, if needed.

Thank you for supporting youth experiencing the dependency and juvenile justice system!

- On the next screen, use the “upload files” button or drag and drop the receipts you want to upload. You will see an “Upload Files” popup on the screen. Wait until all are uploaded in the pop up then click “Done”. Click “Next”.

SFCASA Sunshine Fund Request

Please attach any receipts related to this request. A receipt is required in order to be approved for reimbursement.

Receipt Attachment

[Upload Files](#) Or drop files

Upload Files

GOTRregistrationconfirmation.jpg
154 KB

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1 of 1 file uploaded

Done

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Thank you for supporting youth experiencing the dependency and juvenile justice system!

- Your request is now submitted, and will be routed to your Case Supervisor, then the program team, automatically for review and approval. Once approved, it will be sent to finance for reimbursement.

SFCASA Sunshine Fund Request

Thank you! You have successfully submitted for funding reimbursement.

Your request will be shared with your Case Supervisor for approval.

Once approved, you will receive a confirmation, and reimbursement should arrive to you within 3-4 weeks.

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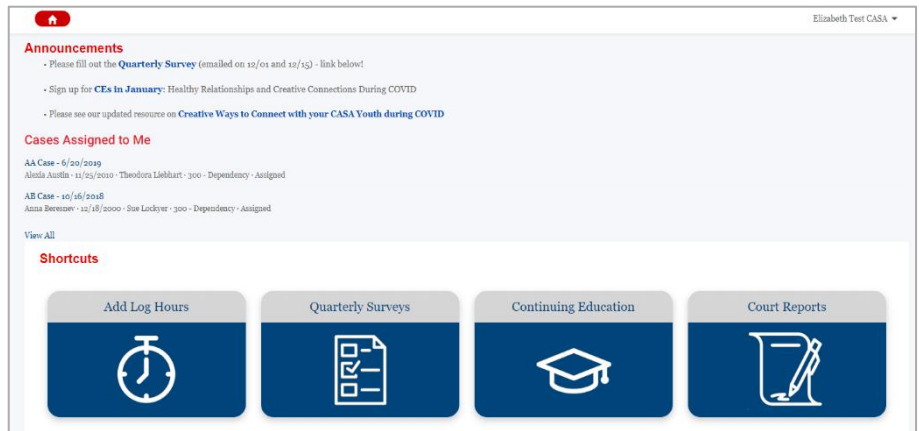
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- To submit another request, click “Finish” to re-start the flow.

Continuing Education Progress

Overview

1. Click on Continuing Education on your home page.
2. The top portion shows you a list of upcoming courses which you are registered for.
3. The pie graph will show you the total continuing education opportunities that you have completed and/or signed up for this calendar year, grouped by advocacy area.
4. The barometer graph titled Continuing Education Hours To Date will show your progress toward reaching your requirement of 12 hours of CE for the calendar year.
5. The text on the right will show upcoming CE classes offered by SFCASA, as well as any other training opportunities we want to highlight.



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Your Upcoming Classes

Continuing Education Opportunity	Date	Contact
Attachment and Trauma on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoo...	3/23/2021	Sibley Silcox
Attachment and Trauma on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoo...	3/23/2021	Jan Leight
Attachment and Trauma on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoo...	3/23/2021	Jean Duncan
Attachment and Trauma on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoo...	3/23/2021	Megan Black
Attachment and Trauma on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoo...	3/23/2021	Rachael Marino

[View All](#)

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Dashboard
Refresh

Continuing Education Dashboard

As of Feb 28, 2021 6:01 PM-Viewing as Libby Canup

Continuing Education by Advocacy Area

Showing this year only

View Report (CASA/ERH with CE by Advocacy)

Continuing Education Hours To Date

Showing this year only

View Report (CASA/ERH with Cont. Ed. Hours)

Continuing Education

CASAs need 12 hours of continuing education each year, 4 hours of which are completed through SFCASA trainings. RSVP to our Training Specialist to register for the following opportunities:

Virtual CE Trainings:

Attachment and Trauma

Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoom. (2 CE Credits) with Dr. Natalia Estassi

Establishing a healthy relationship with our youth and families is key to being effective in our roles. Many of our foster youth and families have Attachment disorders and traumatic pasts which can directly affect the therapeutic relationship. Discuss the importance of understanding child abuse and trauma; its effects on attachments; and how unhealthy attachments affect our therapeutic relationship and work. Learn: how to recognize signs and symptoms and the overlap prevalence between Attachment and Trauma. Explore strength-based techniques and how to engage, facilitate, and empower our youth and families to facilitate change.

Educational Rights Holders Booster Class

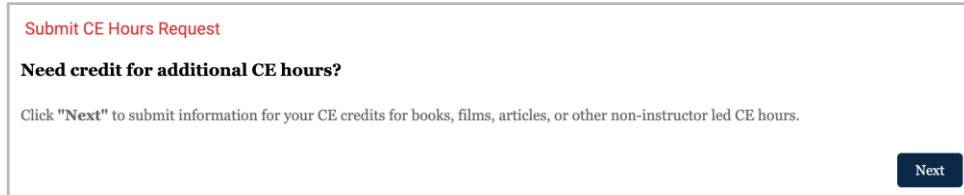
Wednesday, April 7th, 2021, 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoom. (2 CE Credits) with Mia Ragent

Calling all Educational Rights Holders! Please join SFCASA Education Specialist Mia Ragent for an evening of educational advocacy "booster" training and discussion. Mia will review ERH expectations before focusing on remote learning-specific advocacy. The training will include time for breakout rooms where volunteers can share education success tips and ask case-specific questions of Mia and their group. Current ERHs are strongly encouraged to attend, CASAs who are not ERHs are also welcome!

Submit Self-Study CE Hours for Credit

NEW March 2022: This is the preferred process over emailing this information to your Supervisor or SF CASA Staff directly.

1. Log in to AL, and click on the "Continuing Education" shortcut file.
2. At the top of the page, notice the new "Submit CE Hours Request" section. Click "Next" to start the process of submitting hours.



Submit CE Hours Request

Need credit for additional CE hours?

Click "Next" to submit information for your CE credits for books, films, articles, or other non-instructor led CE hours.

Next

3. Search in the box on the next page for the name of the book/article/webinar/etc. you are requesting credit for.
 - a. If you are able to locate a match, click on it to select, and follow the steps in the "[Existing CE Content](#)" section below.
 - b. If you are unable to locate a match, follow the steps in the "[New CE Content](#)" section below.

Existing CE Content

1. Select the existing CE in the dropdown, and click "Next"



Submit CE Hours Request

Please search for the name of the book/film/article below.

If you are unable to find it in the search bar, leave this area blank and click "Next" to enter more details on the following page.

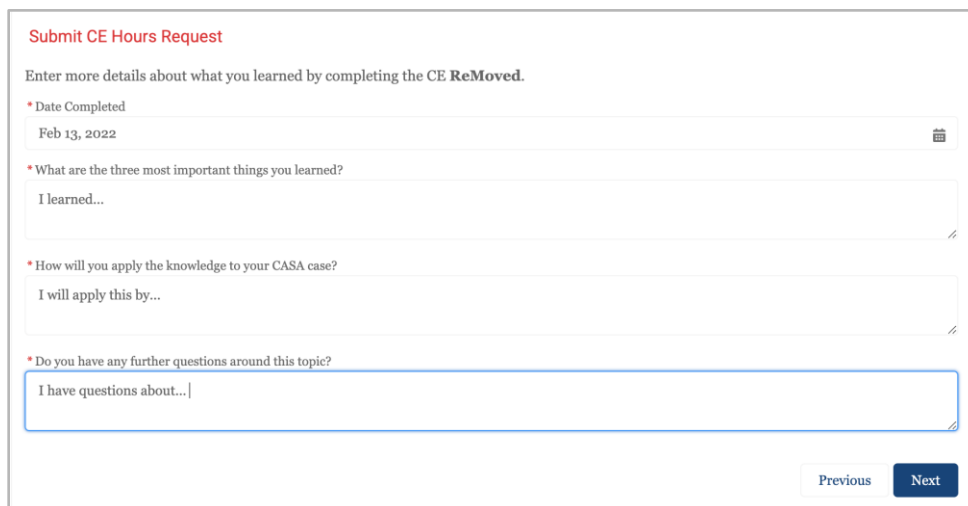
Education Opportunity Name ⓘ

Remo

Show All Results for "Remo"

ReMoved
Diane Posner

2. On the next screen, enter the Date you completed the activity, as well as the 3 reflection questions. Click "Next".



Submit CE Hours Request

Enter more details about what you learned by completing the CE **ReMoved**.

* Date Completed
Feb 13, 2022

* What are the three most important things you learned?
I learned...

* How will you apply the knowledge to your CASA case?
I will apply this by...

* Do you have any further questions around this topic?
I have questions about...]

Previous Next

3. Your request is now submitted, and will be routed to your Case Supervisor automatically for review and approval.

Submit CE Hours Request

Thank you! Your CE Hours have been logged and submitted for review by SFCASA staff.

You will receive an email confirmation once approved or if further information is required.

Please click "Finish" to enter additional hours requests.

4. Once approved, you will see the hours reflected in your CE Hours to Date dashboard in AL.
5. To submit another request, click "Finish" to re-start the flow.

New CE Content

1. Skip the lookup screen if you are unable to locate a match by leaving the search bar blank, and clicking "Next".

Submit CE Hours Request

Please search for the name of the book/film/article below.

If you are unable to find it in the search bar, leave this area blank and click "Next" to enter more details on the following page.

Education Opportunity Name ⓘ

2. On the next screen, enter the type of CE (book, article, etc.), Name of the CE, Date you completed the activity, number of hours, primary Advocacy Area, as well as the 3 reflection questions. Click "Next".

Submit CE Hours Request

Enter details about the CE activity (e.g. book name, film name) and details about what you learned.

*Type
Book

*Continuing Ed Name ⓘ
A Child's Journey Through Placement

*Hours Completed
3

*Date Completed
Feb 7, 2022

*Advocacy Area
Placement

*What are the three most important things you learned?
I learned...

*How will you apply the knowledge to your CASA case?
I will apply this by...

*Do you have any further questions around this topic?
I have questions about...

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Submit CE Hours Request

Thank you! Your CE Hours have been logged and submitted for review by SFCASA staff.

You will receive an email confirmation once approved or if further information is required.

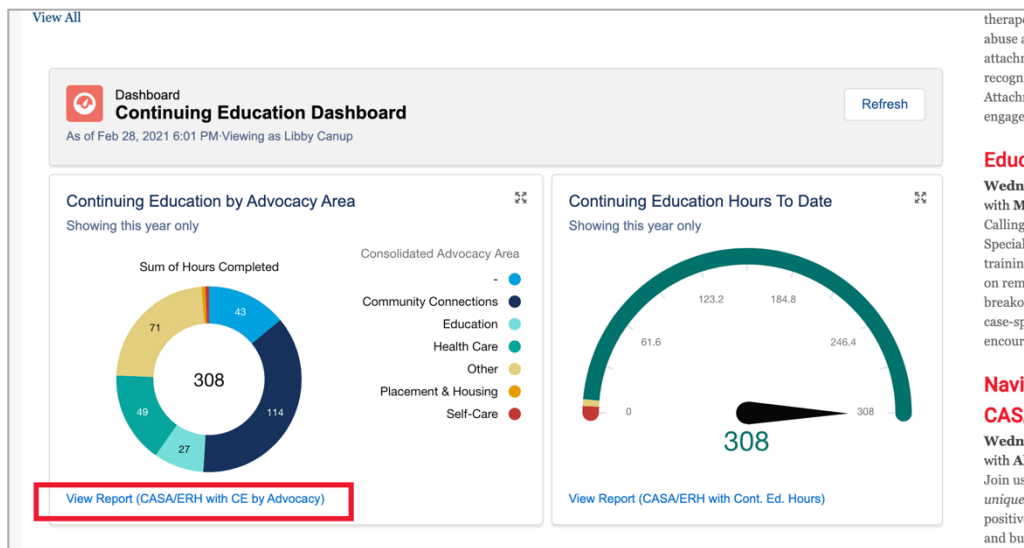
Please click "Finish" to enter additional hours requests.

4. Once approved, you will see the hours reflected in your CE Hours to Date dashboard in AL.

5. To submit another request, click “Finish” to re-start the flow.

View CEs you have completed/signed up for this year

1. Click on View Report (CASA/ERH with CE by Advocacy) underneath the pie chart. The report will open up.
2. At the bottom of the report, you will see your Continuing Education classes grouped by Advocacy Area.



TIPS AND TRICKS

If you completed a one-off training with an outside agency, the Continuing Education Opportunity will be listed under a generic name, like Online Training or Film/Documentary and the specific title of the opportunity will appear in the Notes column.

The CEs that you've signed up for will also be listed here and will have a number listed for hours completed. However, this will be removed from your record if you do not attend the CE opportunity.

SFCASA Advocacy Areas, Definitions and Examples

Community Connections

Youth experiences caring and supportive adult and peer relationships in their natural community; youth identifies and pursues personal interests; and youth participates in related prosocial activities.

Examples of relationships: relatives, peers, friends' families, teachers, spiritual communities, neighborhood groups, recreational/arts/cultural/athletic communities, etc.

Examples of prosocial pursuits: skateboarding, soccer, playing a musical instrument/singing, coding, theater, cooking, summer camps, etc.

Education

Youth is on track to advance grade levels; plans exist for youth to achieve educational goals with appropriate supports; youth has access to and utilizes academic and non-academic supports in school; youth participates in school clubs or activities.

Examples: Youth advances a grade level; youth's Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and/or 504 Plans take place as needed and required by law; youth begins to understand and explore the link between education and vocational training/career; upon moving placements, youth is quickly enrolled in a new school or youth maintains their school of origin; youth joins school club or sports team.

Healthcare

Youth has access to and receives preventative and acute-needs healthcare to maintain positive physical, mental, and behavioral health.

Examples: Annual physicals, regular dental care, and vision screenings/care as needed; access to mental and behavioral health services; consistent, culturally humble, and timely care for both preventative and acute healthcare needs; youth voice and choice considered for services and providers; maintenance of health insurance and other resources as appropriate.

Placement

Youth is in an appropriate placement for their level of need; youth is involved in placement and housing decisions as developmentally appropriate; and youth's voice is integral to home placement options other than long-term foster care.

- Examples: Youth participates or their preferences are presented and considered in Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings and other conversations about both short- and long-term placement; NMD understands requirements for housing programs; appropriate support and tools are provided to youth and caregiver to maintain placement of preference; for youth ages

Independent Living Skills (ages 16+)

Youth is supported to achieve their educational and/or career goals while learning and practicing independent living skills (related to their housing, healthcare, and personal finances).

- Examples: Youth is engaged with an Independent Living Skills program; youth prepares for employment; youth has an internship or job; youth has a bank account and practices budgeting; youth practices time management skills; youth understands the difference between needs and wants and prioritizes accordingly; youth tours college campuses and/or vocational training options; youth prepares for independent living through finding and maintaining a home where they pay rent.