



Announcements

Welcome Puja!

Puja Deverakonda recently joined the SFCASA team as our Program Manager. Puja comes to us most recently from Hamilton Families in San Francisco where she worked as part of the agency's Research & Innovation team to incorporate research and data-driven best practices into program operations and lead a team of direct service program staff to support clients experiencing homelessness. Prior to transitioning to the non-profit sector, Puja worked at several different software companies in roles focused on relationship management, team building and knowledge management.

Welcome Theodora!

We are happy to report that we hired a new Case Supervisor, Theodora Liebhart. Theodora is a San Francisco native and proficient Spanish speaker who comes with us with many years of experiencing working with youth. Familiar with SFCASA from her work as a special education teacher, Theodora is passionate about helping youth and families access

resources and know their rights and is adept at developing authentic relationships with even the most challenging youth. Theodora has strong family connections to the leadership at San Francisco's Juvenile Hall and is very familiar with the opportunities and challenges of working with foster youth and Juvenile Justice-involved youth.

Welcome Sue!

SFCASA is pleased to announce another new addition to the team! Sue Lockyer recently started as a Case Supervisor. Sue recently completed a Master's Degree in Communication Studies at San Francisco State University where she focused her research and writing on issues related to violence and exploitation of vulnerable populations. A bilingual English and Spanish speaker, Sue has experience as a volunteer at safehouses serving homeless women and is knowledgeable about trauma-informed and harm reduction approaches to counseling and support. She also brings knowledge and experience in volunteer management and coordination, both from prior paid positions and her own robust volunteer experience.

CASA Tip of the Month

Did you just renew your driver's license/ID and/or car insurance? Don't forget to upload your new information to Advocate Link. You can also share a copy of your driver's license/ID/car insurance with our Custodian of Records, Jackie Moncada via email at jackie@sfcasa.org.

2019 Advocate Appreciation Party

Mark Your Calendars! You're invited to the Advocate Appreciation Party on October 21st, 2019. More details to come.



Free Mission Cliffs class passes

Do you and your youth want to try a fun and challenging activity? SFCASA has a partnership with Mission Cliffs for Intro to Bouldering and Rock Climbing classes for CASAs with youth ages 14 and older. Contact your Case Supervisor or our Program Assistant, Christina Lee, at christina@sfcasa.org for more details!

Learn about other free ticket opportunities [here](#).

Zipcar Discount for CASA's

CASAs get a deal on Zipcar membership! Join Zipcar today and receive a discounted annual fee of \$35. Additionally, Zipcar will waive the application fee. CASAs also receive free gas credit. If you are interested in learning more about this deal contact Christina Lee at christina@sfcasa.org.

Foster Youth Services 101 CE Opportunity

Calling all SFCASA advocates! Join Shira Andron, coordinator for SF Unified School District Foster Youth Services, and Gloria Anthony-Oliver, HSA education social worker, to enhance your understanding of

the education rights specific to youth in foster care. Shira and Gloria will cover school of origin, access to transportation, and all of the ways in which a CASA can collaborate with the foster youth services in their youth's district.

Learning firsthand from the head of foster youth education services in SF, as well as a social worker who specifically supports the education of out of county youth, is an invaluable experience. Make sure to come prepared with questions!

The FYS 101 Training will be held on Monday, August 19 from 6-8pm in the SFCASA Training Space located at 2533 Mission Street. Participants will receive 2 hours of CE credit. Email training@sfcasa.org to RSVP for this training.

Backpack Giveaway 8/10

Time to think about “back to school” prep! All In San Francisco is hosting a back to school backpack giveaway. The giveaway event will be at La Raza park in San Francisco from 10am-2pm. The event will include live music, food and activities for kids.



Free Youth Wellness Classes

Project Zeeni is holding 9 pilot wellness experiences in August that are completely free for youth 16-24 years old. The experiences range from a Mexican cooking class to a learning style and leadership coaching workshop. The vast majority of the hosts are men and women of color and Bay Area natives. Please invite your youth to join. They can register for classes at <https://www.zeeni.org/>



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