



Announcements

Farewell Soyeon

Last month we said goodbye to a long time and dedicated staff member, Soyeon Davis. Soyeon first started as an office volunteer at SFCASA in 2013 and in October of that year joined our staff as the Program Assistant. Being the quick study that Soyeon is, she learned the role and soon started to add efficiencies, and even took the lead in planning and supporting our annual youth holiday party. Soyeon supported many volunteers in providing court documentation and helping them acquire free activities for their youth. Given Soyeon's amazing rapport with volunteers and compassion and understanding of the needs of youth, she was promoted to Case Supervisor in May 2015 and up until her departure continued to support advocates with the diverse needs that accompany advocating for youth experiencing foster care. I know that I speak for the CASA staff and advocates who had the pleasure of collaborating with Soyeon, we are grateful for her amazing dedication, support and compassion. We wish Soyeon all the best in her future endeavors.

Thank you, Chris!

Over the years Chris Unruh has worn a number of hats here at SFCASA, from longtime volunteer advocate (nearly 10 years and having served four youth!) to interim Case Supervisor on three separate occasions. Chris's own experiences as a CASA for youth facing many barriers across numerous systems of care have translated to her being a valuable member of the SFCASA staff team and we are grateful to her for the major league assists when we ask. Chris's zealous, empathetic and strategic advocacy, combined with her wry humor and dedication are appreciated by all of us here at SFCASA. Thank you, Chris, and wishing you lots of baseball games and visits with your adorable grandchild!



SFCASA Open House Happy Hour

We are hosting an Open House Happy Hour on Wednesday, July 10th from 6-8pm. Join SFCASA for beer, wine, and light bites, and check out our brand new ground floor training space (2533 Mission St.)! Meet the new members of the SFCASA team, hear the latest news and learn helpful tips from your fellow volunteers. Bring a friend you think might

consider becoming a CASA and receive 2 hours of CE credit! RSVP for yourself and your friend [here](#).

CE Opportunity: Self-Awareness & Resiliency when Working with Youth in Foster Care with Natalia Estassi

As CASA volunteers we are in close proximity to children and families who have and may continue to experience trauma. This can put a lot of strain on CASA volunteers. Support is here!

Participate in the following training, “Self-Awareness & Resiliency when Working with Youth in Foster Care” with Natalia Estassi (Psy.D) and receive 2 hr of CE credit. The training is on Wednesday, 6/12 from 6pm-8pm at the SFCASA Training Space (2533 Mission Street). Participants will explore the importance of reflecting on your own experiences and developmental stages when working with youth in foster care. In this training Natalia will explore the importance of boundaries, self-care, cultural sensitivity and tips to positively impact relationships with youth in foster care. We will also explore resiliency in youth. Email training@sfcasa.org to register.



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