

SFCASA News



September 2021

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YOU AND A GUEST ARE INVITED TO SFCASA'S

ADVOCATE APPRECIATION PARTY

**ALL GOOD PIZZA'S OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN -
1605 JERROLD AVE**

We've missed you and can't wait to celebrate all you do for SFCASA's youth! You are invited to SFCASA's Advocate Appreciation party September 29th at 6pm for dinner, drinks, raffles, and community.

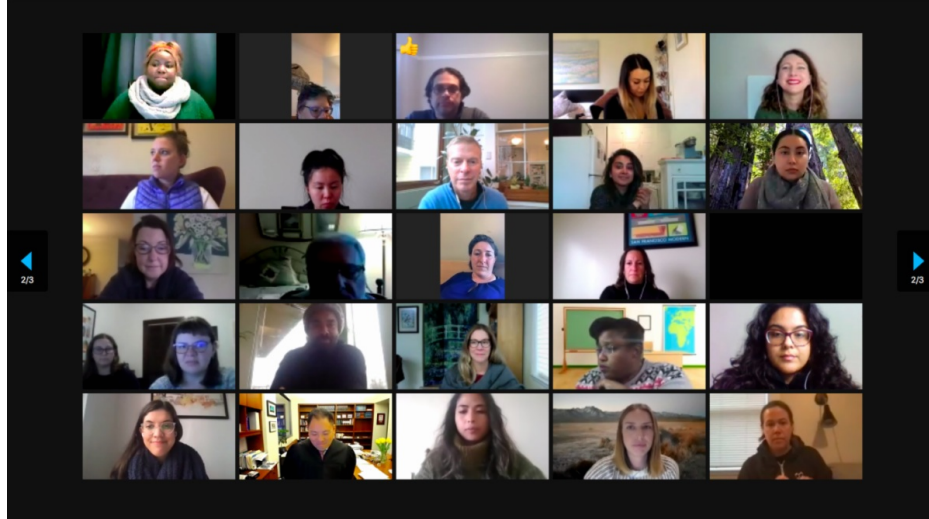
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Upcoming SFCASA CE Opportunities

*Register now to hang out and learn with fellow Advocates
while enhancing your Advocacy!*



CSEC 101 on Wednesday September 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoom (2 CE Credits)

Youth in foster care are at increased risk for the Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSEC). This training will help you understand the dynamics and complexities of issues related to CSEC/CSEY. Identify common physical and behavioral indicators of commercial sexual exploitation risk factors, and signs of exploitation. Understand how societal factors contribute to demand for commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth. In addition participants will engage and explore strategies for supporting youth who are at risk, or have been commercially sexually exploited through case scenarios and discussion.

Register [here](#).

School Resources for Youth on Monday, September 13th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoom (2 CE Credits) with **Shira Andron of SFUSD and Gloria Anthony-Oliver of HSA-FCS**

You heard about school staff for foster youth in core training, now it is time to meet the players and learn from them directly! Join the head of Foster Youth Services for SFUSD, Shira Andron, and Education Social Worker for HSA-FCS, Gloria Anthony-Oliver, for an evening of educational advocacy. Shira and Gloria will share tips on how to connect with the youth's dependency team and school staff, as well as cover the best ways to take advantage of rights and resources like tutoring, transportation, and special education services.

Register [here](#).

Effective Communication on Monday, September 20th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoom (2 CE Credits) with **Dr. Natalia Estassi**

Communication is essential in forming and maintaining healthy relationships. This training will review effective communication techniques we need as providers and address the challenges that may come up with working with youth and families in our system of care. The importance of role modeling and best practices for self-disclosures so we can be most effective in your role as a CASA. The importance of positive attention for youth and how to best consistently provide this to youth will be explored, as well as strength-based practices.

Register [here](#).

Independent Living Skills Advocacy: Supporting TAY and NMD Youth on Thursday, September 30th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Zoom (2 CE Credits) with SFILSP

Transitional aged youth and Non-minor dependent youth experiencing the foster care system often find themselves navigating various systems while still exploring their independence and place within the world. Join the SFILSP team as they share how they support youth in identifying their needs and strengths through motivational interviewing. The SFILSP team will also cover their current hours of operation, the referral process, how youth can access their services, as well as current workshops and programming that are available.

Register [here](#).

Upcoming Partner Trainings

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

Advocating for LGBTQ+ Youth Wednesday, October 6th from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM on Zoom (2 CE Credits) by CalCASA

Research shows one third of youth in foster care are LGBTQ+. Learn about a CASA volunteer's important role in advocating for LGBTQ+ children and youth in foster care. Take simple steps to be affirming for all youth while proactively looking out for common barriers LGBTQ+ youth face.

Register [here](#).

Dear Black Male: four-part series on the history and culture of African Americans and how to adequately provide for Black males, and the link to the fight for greater social justice.

Tuesday, October 26 and November 2, 9, and 16, 2021

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Eastern Time on Zoom (2 CE Credits per day)

CWLA has partnered with Welcome2Reality, LLC to present the engaging four-part training series, Dear Black Male. We invite you to join us for a training that will provide an overview of the history and culture of African Americans with a focus on recognizing cultural mistrust, issues faced, and perceptions of Black males. Through lecture and discussion, participants will identify how efforts to adequately provide for Black males can be linked to the fight for larger social justice goals for themselves and their communities. Participants in this training will:

- Develop an understanding of the importance of the role of the historian in interpreting African American history;
- Expand their knowledge and awareness of the disproportionality of Black males who are institutionalized and the impact it has on communities;
- Learn the most common mistakes professionals make when working with Black males and how to avoid them; and
- Engage in dialogue to identify strengths-based practices and interventions that foster family health and resilience.

Register [here](#).

CHAFEE Grant Free Money!

Federal stimulus money is available and guaranteed to current and former foster, probation, dual status, and Title IV-E youth if they sign up [here](#) before the **September 3rd deadline**.

If your youth is age 18-20 they will qualify for \$600.

If your youth is age 21 through age 26 but not yet 27 they will qualify for \$1,500.

Reminder: Graduation Gift Cards Awaiting Pick Up

If you haven't already, please arrange with your Case Supervisor to come by the office and pick up the gift cards and grad bags available for recently graduated youth (**\$200 Visas**) to help celebrate their incredible accomplishment!

Fall Internships with LYRIC

The LYRIC Center for LGBTQ+ Youth has two paid Fall internships available for youth ages 14-18.

Internships include "Fall in the City", focused on LGBTQ+ history in San Francisco, and "Undocuworkforce", focused on learning about immigration policies and queer identities.

Learn more and apply [here](#).



The graphic is a pink and purple triangular shape with a white border. At the top, it says "SLI FALL INTERNSHIPS" in large, bold, blue letters. Below that, it says "2 paid virtual internships!" in white. The dates "Oct. 12 - Dec. 9, 2021" and "Tue. & Thurs. 5 - 7pm" are listed in white. Below the dates, it says "LGBTQQ+ & allies" in white. At the bottom right, it says "apply today at LYRIC.ORG/sli" in white. A white mouse cursor arrow points to the text. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code. At the bottom of the graphic, the LYRIC logo is visible, which consists of the word "LYRIC" in a bold, purple font and "CENTER FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH" in a smaller, purple font below it. To the right of the LYRIC logo, it says "swipe to learn about our internships" in a pink font.

Final Call for Beauty Bag and Birdies Slippers Pick-Up

This is your last month to pick up any of the items we have available in office for beauty-interested youth or their families.

We have beauty bags containing make-up, hair treatments, other fun beauty products, and Birdies plush slippers available. **Please note that you must pick the items up at the office.**

Reserve a pair of slides and/or a beauty bag by contacting Luna at Luna@sfcasa.org.

Two Children's Bikes Available

We received two donated children's size red bicycles that are in office and available for any interested youth. You must come pick up the bike at the office.

Please contact Luna at luna@sfcasa.org if interested.



Ropes Course Recap

The ropes course event in partnership with Outward Bound last month was a huge success, thanks to all our CASAs and youth who participated!

The youth and CASAs alike had a great time hanging (literally) with each other in John McLaren Park. Because the event was so positively received, we will be offering more similar events in the future.

Stay tuned if you missed the chance to participate last time for future fun outdoor opportunities!

[CASA Tip of the Month](#)

CASA has free tickets! We have free tickets to many recreational activities in and around San Francisco. Check our [website](#) for tickets and consider inquiring directly to organizations you don't see listed on our site.

