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CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Upcoming Volunteer Training

The next training class to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for a child who has experienced abuse or neglect begins Monday, March 9, 2020. This flex training incorporates both classroom sessions and online learning with the classroom instruction occurring from 5:30 – 8:30pm on March 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 at Advanced Medical Transport, 1718 N Sterling Ave, Peoria.

There is a critical shortage of volunteers to serve the nearly **1,600 children** involved with the child welfare system in Peoria, Tazewell, Marshall, Putnam and Stark counties. If you are a caring, compassionate person who wants to help Change a Child's Story[™] then become a CASA! Advocate for a child's best interest so the child is placed in a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible.

To learn more about the training and how you can become a CASA contact CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit at 309-669-2939 or casa@peoriacounty.org. Additional information can be found at www.casaofthetenth.org/volunteer-as-a-casa/.

For more info see: <u>www.CASAoftheTenth.org</u> <u>www.facebook.com/CASAoftheTenth</u> <u>https://twitter.com/CASAoftheTenth</u>

About CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit FKA CASA of Peoria County (<u>www.CASAoftheTenth.org</u>): Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Tenth Judicial Circuit is a 501(c)3 non-profit, volunteer organization that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Court system. Its existence is based on the belief that every child has the right to a safe and permanent home allowing them the chance to reach their full potential in life. The organization has been serving abused and neglected children since 2005. CASA is supported by Heart of Illinois United Way, VCVA IL Attorney General, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority with VOCA funds, Illinois Court Appointed Special Advocates, and generous donors. CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit is a Member of the National CASA/GAL Association.