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CASA & CRB
Volunteer Conference

FREE
VIRTUAL EVENT
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Friday,
October 10
9am - 1pm

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Saturday,
October 11
8:30am - 1pm

About US



The Citizen Review Board (CRB) is a program of Oregon's state court system. The CRB has a dual legislative mandate to 1) review the cases of children in foster care, and 2) make recommendations to ODHS and the Court concerning child welfare services, procedures, and laws. Boards of citizen volunteers from local communities conduct our reviews. CRB saves taxpayer money, brings transparency and public oversight to foster care cases, and provides a path for citizens to shape public policy affecting Oregon's most vulnerable children and families.

Oregon CASA Network (OCN), an affiliate of the National CASA Association, is the statewide organization supporting Oregon's 19 local CASA programs. The local programs recruit, screen, train and support CASA volunteers.

This conference includes a total of 8.5 continuing education hours that can be applied to the annual 8-hour requirement for CRB Board Members and the 12-hour requirement for CASA Volunteers. Additionally, the course hours are pending CLE-approval.

You can pre-register for your breakout sessions by clicking the underlined items in the morning and afternoon sections of the schedule.

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Time	Plenary
9:00-9:10	Welcome & Announcements (Stephanie Brown, Jayne Cooper)
9:10-10:10	Interview with a Foster Kid: Connecting with the "Problem Child" (Amira Therese)

Time	Morning Breakout Sessions
10:15-11:30	<u>Domestic Violence and Child Welfare: Optimal Practices for Engaging Families Experiencing DV</u> (Sarah Greenwood) <u>Mind the Gap: The Rights of Youth & Parents with Disabilities</u> (Emily Cooper) <u>Safety: Maltreatment in Care</u> (Leslie LaNier) <u>Federal & State Laws for K-12 Special Education</u> (Chris Shank)

Time	Afternoon Breakout Sessions
11:45-1:00	<u>Education: Resources and Guidance for Child Welfare Cases</u> (Catherine Stelzer) <u>Considerations for Adoptions and Guardianships in ODHS Permanency Planning</u> (Marc Bass, Heather Schatz) <u>Understanding Safety Planning and Conditions for Return: Partnering for Safety</u> (Leslie LaNier, Tricia Swallow) <u>Youth Transitions Programming 2025</u> (Hayley Smith, Carrie Van Dijk)

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Saturday, October 11

Time	Plenary
8:30-8:40	Welcome & Announcements (Stephanie Brown, Jayne Cooper)
8:40-9:10	The Lenses We Use (Anna Abraham, Keith O'Brien, Kristina Elliott, Jackie Hastings, Michael Heaton, Monica Gillooly)
9:10-10:10	Judges Panel: The Impact of Citizen Advocacy in Oregon's Foster Care System Judge Amanda Benjamin, Judge Norm Hill, Judge Bethany Flint, Judge Valeri Love

Time	Morning Breakout Sessions
10:15-11:30	<u>Attorney Panel: Child Representation</u> (Annette Smith, Simone Weyand, Kevin Hupy, Sarah Robbins) <u>Early Intervention (EI) & Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)</u> (Kevin Anderson, Ashleigh Walters) <u>Administrative Law 101: Tools for Turning Advocacy Into Action</u> (Robin Maril, Tricia Swallow)

Time	Afternoon Breakout Sessions
11:45-1:00	<u>Institutional Placements: Creating Space for Youth Voice</u> (Annette Smith, Senator Gelser Blouin, Kayla Muzquiz, Chelsea Maldonado) <u>Change Happens Here: Understanding the Stages of Change and the Process of Recovery</u> (Teri Morgan-Urie) <u>Beyond Placement: Integrating Mental Health into the Core of Child Welfare</u> (Mikayla Avery)

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Our conference planning committee for the time, expertise, and dedication for making this first-ever collaborative a memorable experience:

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