

# 13th Circuit Court Family Division & Probate Court Volunteers

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## Jump into a new Opportunity with Volunteer Services!



Volunteer Services is holding a Volunteer Orientation on **July 24th, 2019 at 4pm**, where you can learn more about the different opportunities for volunteering with us. This event will take place in the multipurpose room in the Robert P. Griffin Hall of Justice. Invite your friends and families to join us for this informational evening so they may find the opportunity that fits their time and interests! Current volunteers are always welcomed to join us to learn more about other volunteer roles as well.

Volunteer Guardian and Conservator training will take place on **August 5th & 6th from 4-7pm**, also taking place in the Multipurpose room next to Volunteer services. If you're interested in training to become a Guardian or Conservator, or interested in learning more about providing assistance to Conservators, you won't want to miss this!

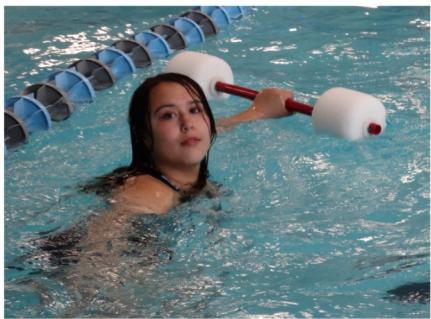


Please give the Volunteer Services Office a call at 922-4827 to RSVP for these events. Background checks and interviews for new volunteers must be completed prior to attending the orientation and/or training.

**News From Learning Partners:**

A big THANK YOU to Jazmin Bacon for volunteering to help the kids in the pool, and Allie Shumate for volunteering as their instructor.

We had 6 students and 2 siblings take part in the lessons. Each advancing in skill. The final session was focused on water safety, that included what to do if a friend needs help and how to manage if your canoe tips over.



Left: Jazmin Bacon

Right: Allie Shumate and students helping their friends, managing the tipped canoe.



# CASA Training Fall 2019

**CASA** is a national program that trains and supports court appointed advocates to act in the best interest of children whose parents have allegations of abuse or neglect of children. **Court Appointed Special Advocates** advocate for the best interests of the children to assist the Court in determining the best placement for the children.

**CASA** training takes place Mondays and Wednesdays for 5 weeks.

Training is set to begin on Monday, Sept. 16th, running through Wednesday, Oct. 9th. Volunteers will be sworn in on Weds., Oct 16th.

If you or someone you know would like to become a **CASA**, please call our office at **231-922-4827** to schedule a pre-training interview. We're always here to address any questions or concerns you may have!

Your involvement will make a direct impact on a child's life, perhaps for generations to come.



## July

Jane Fochtman  
Beth Sieloff  
Mary Wayne

## August

Ruth Bay  
Susan Bender  
Nancy Bryant  
Tim Doyle  
Nancy Giles  
Fran Kopka  
Lori Metcalf-Rodes  
Bonnie Moore  
Etta Rajkovich  
Kathy Walsh-Sinnard  
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Or Current Resident

### Learning Partners

1st Tuesday of the month-4:00-5:00 pm  
**NO JULY or AUGUST MEETINGS**



### CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

**NO JULY MEETING**

**Tuesday August 20, 2019 3-5 p.m.**



**\*All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless  
otherwise mentioned.**