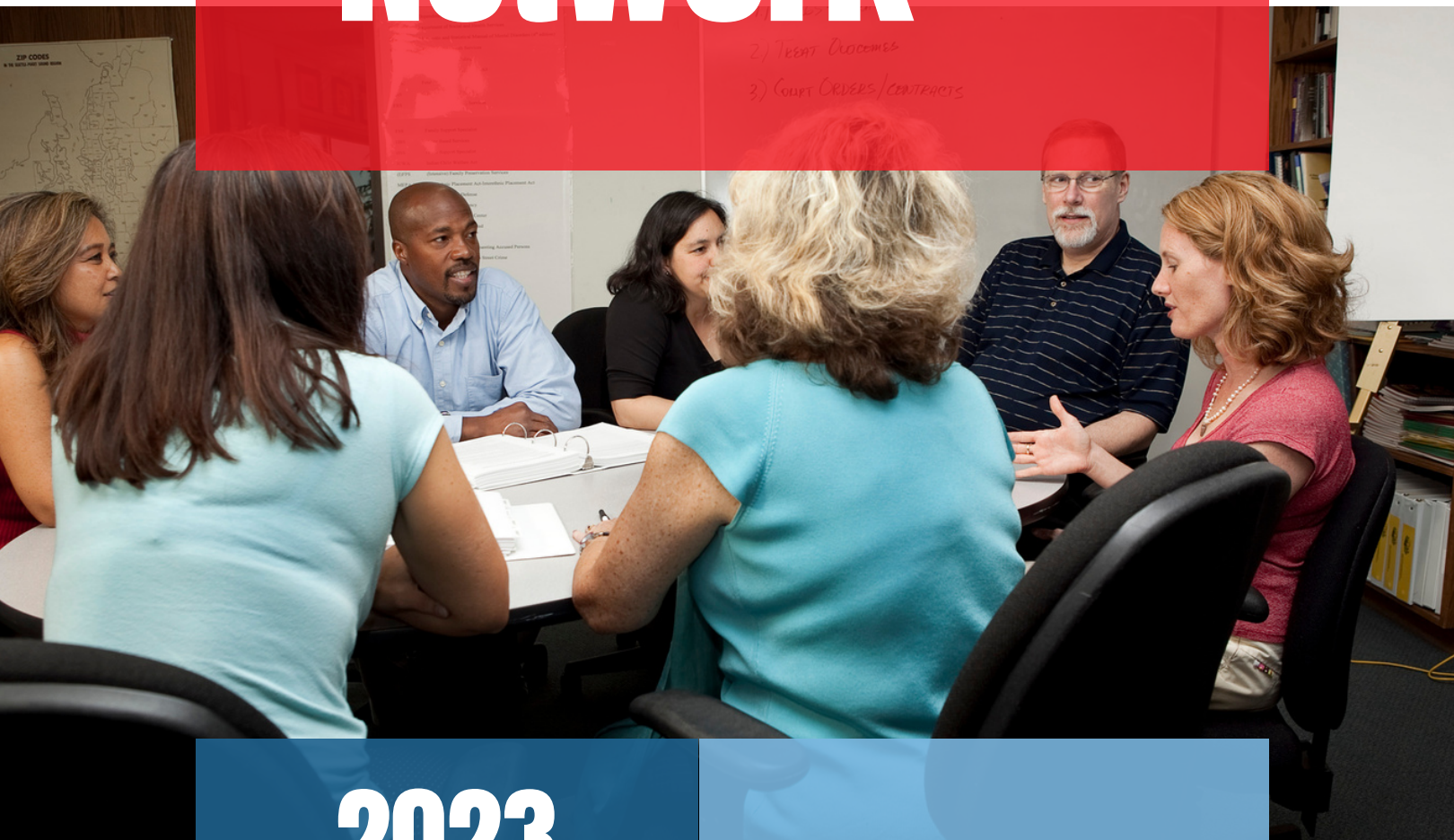


Oregon CASA Network



2023

Interested in becoming a Board member for the Oregon CASA Network?

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About Us

Who we are

The Oregon CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Network supports local CASA programs across Oregon that speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children experiencing protective custody. The OCN works with local CASA programs to promote and support quality volunteer advocacy to help ensure each child a safe, permanent, and nurturing home.

Mission

Our mission is to lead Oregon's CASA programs to provide a strong voice for every abused and neglected child statewide. We do this by:

- Promoting awareness of Oregon's CASA programs, CASA volunteers, and children who have experienced abuse or neglect.
- Supporting local program offices (capacity-building, training, technical assistance, collaboration, pass-through funding).
- Working with the National CASA/GAL Network to support strategic expansion and development of CASA programs.



STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK SUMMARY

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES:



Respect

We foster a professional environment.

Support

We promote a strengths-based culture that honors collaboration.

Open Communication

We value the different life experiences and perspectives brought to OCN.

Honesty

We demonstrate the highest level of ethics in all our actions.

Action

We set and achieve goals and priorities with our partners.

Inclusion

We value differences in people, positions, and perspectives.

Board Roles

OCN board members ensure that the OCN fulfills its mission by promoting the work of CASA programs in Oregon to advocate for children, by overseeing OCN's fiscal management and health, by setting policies to direct the business of OCN consistent with its bylaws, by promoting the work of the OCN to funders and decisionmakers, and through helping ensure that the OCN has adequate resources to advance the goal that all children in protective custody in Oregon have the support of a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Financial

Adopt the annual budget and ensure that proper financial controls are in place

Planning

Establish and periodically review OCN's goals and objectives.

Policy

Decide and/or approve policy and legislative positions

Oversight

Select/hire the OCN Director and define the Director's responsibilities.

Support

Provide professional support to the OCN Director to further the goals of OCN and assess annually the Director's job performance.

Ethics

Ensure legal and ethical integrity and accountability

Recruit

Strategically recruit and mentor new Board members

Represent

Represent statewide perspective in deliberations and bring a unique professional perspective to Board deliberations

Promote

Actively promote OCN's purpose and mission through effective communication with the public, the press, legislative members and other elected officials, community partners, and others as appropriate

Equity

Embrace and promote equity, diversity and inclusion in all Board matters

Respect

Take no private/personal action that will compromise the Board or staff. Respect the potential confidentiality of information shared with and by OCN Board members or OCN staff

Elect

Elect Board officers at the annual meeting of the Board



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Learn

Become familiar with the history of the National CASA Association and its model for child advocacy.

Understand

Understand local CASA program operations including advocate recruitment, screening, training, supervision, and support

Articulate

Understand and be able to articulate CASA's unique role in the court and child welfare systems.

Donate

Make an annual financial contribution

Review

Review and understand [A Guide to Nonprofit Board Service in Oregon](#) from the Office of the Attorney General.

Time

Understand and agree that OCN Board service requires an average time commitment of between three and ten hours per month



Apply

Does our mission and expectations sound like a good fit for you?

Fill out our online application.

[Apply now](#)



Review

Once we have received your application the Board will review the application and you will be contacted for an interview.



Election

Upon approval from the Board, your candidacy will be added to the ballot during the Annual Membership Meeting in May 2023. Here the network will vote to determine your seat on the OCN Board.



Onboarding

If you are elected to serve, you will receive onboarding support with your term starting in June 2023.

Thank You

We look forward to learning more about you!

Meanwhile, feel free to visit our website to learn more about the OCN, our current Board and staff, and access local program sites nearest you.



**OCN Equity
Statement**



Website

www.oregoncasanetwork.org