



“The KWYA training was extremely beneficial to me personally and our program. I came away enthusiastic, better informed and committed to making a difference. It is a considerable time commitment but well worth every moment,”

CASA staff member.

Knowing Who You Are Diversity Training Opportunity

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**September 23-24, 2010
Rapid City**

**September 28-29, 2010
Sioux Falls**

What is KWYA?

The Casey Family *Knowing Who You Are* (KWYA) training is an important step toward incorporating inclusiveness in our lives and our CASA programs. The training offers individuals an opportunity to develop a healthy sense of racial and ethnic identity, as well as to enhance their psychological well being and social competence. CASA program staff and volunteers who are more self-aware and equipped with these skills possess a greater ability to identify and advocate the best outcomes for all children. KWYA offers tools for participants to increase their racial and ethnic identity and to begin having courageous conversations around race and ethnicity. When you engage a community to advocate for a child placing priority on their race and identity you demonstrate to that community and child that you acknowledge the beauty that makes them who they are.

KYWA is a project designed to positively impact well-being outcomes for youth through the integration of learning experiences that provide individuals with awareness, knowledge, skills, tools and resources to engage and support youth in developing a healthy racial and ethnic identity. KWYA consists of three tools, a video, web based e-learning and a two day training.

Did you know?

The following is the breakdown of children served by CASA programs in South Dakota in 2009, according to racial/ethnic group: 44% Native American, 36% Caucasian, 8% Multiracial, 2% Hispanic/Latino, 2% African American, 1% Asian and 6% Other.

Training Details

Who: CASA Volunteers, CASA Board Members, CASA Staff Members, Foster Parents, DSS/CPS, Attorneys, Judges and others who work with the Child Welfare System

When: 9:00am-5:00pm on Day 1
8:00am-4:00pm on Day 2

Where: ClubHouse Hotel & Suites in Sioux Falls

LaQuinta Inn & Suites at the WaTiki Indoor Waterpark Resort in Rapid City

Registration Cost: FREE

The South Dakota CASA Association will provide CASA Volunteers, CASA Board Members and CASA Staff Members a stipend for mileage costs as well as pay for lodging for those travelling more than 40 miles one way to attend the training. The South Dakota CASA Association will make hotel reservations for CASA Volunteers, Board Members and Staff Members.

Individuals from outside the CASA network are responsible for their own travel costs (including making hotel reservations).

Please complete and return the attached registration form to the South Dakota CASA Association (contact information on reverse side) by Wednesday, August 18th, 2010. Participants may also register online <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WT8GZ3D> Attendance at the training will be limited the first 30 people.

Registration Form

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

I am a...

____ CAS A Volunteer

____ CAS A Board Member

____ CAS A Staff Member

____ other (please specify)

Do you have access to a high speed internet connection? ___Yes ___No

Below section to be filled out by CAS A Volunteers, CAS A Board Members and CAS A Staff Members only.

____ I am travelling more than 40 miles one way to attend the training: I need a hotel room.

Hotel confirmations will be sent to participants.