



Montana CASA/GAL Conference 2020

Registration



Change a Child's Story™

Monday, March 30th 2020

11am-5pm

Hilton Garden Inn

Missoula Montana

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Montana CASA/GAL Association is excited to host this opportunity for Montana CASA/GAL Local Programs to share information, learn from experts and unite in the National CASA mission of working together so that every child who has experienced abuse or neglect can be safe, have a permanent home, and the opportunity to thrive.

Together we are stronger.

Join Your Montana CASA/GAL Colleagues for

Networking Opportunities

Opening Keynote and Luncheon

4 Conference Workshops

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CASA/GAL Conference Registration Deadline: Friday, March 13th

Due to the generosity of our sponsors, this year's Montana CASA/GAL Conference is **FREE to all Montana Local Program volunteers, staff and board members!**

CAN Conference Note: This Conference takes place the day before the annual CAN Conference which is hosted by DPHHS. Both conferences are located at the Hilton Garden Inn and **the block room rate and the CIP travel reimbursement request applies for both conferences.** We encourage you to attend both conferences. For CAN Conference information and registration please refer to CAN Conference materials



Montana CASA/GAL Conference , March 30th

Hilton Garden Inn, 3720 North Reserve Street Missoula Montana

REGISTRATION

Attendee Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

The Name of the Montana Local Program in which you are affiliated _____

Are you attending both CASA and CAN Conferences? ____Yes ____No

Which of these are you?

____Local Program Staff

____Local Program Volunteer Advocate

____Local Program Volunteer-Other than Advocate

____Local Program Director

____Local Program Board Member

____MTCASA/GAL Board Member

Are you traveling more than four hours from your location to the conference? ____Yes ____No

If Yes, do you require lodging at the Hilton Garden Inn Sunday evening (April 29)? ____Yes ____No

If Yes, please contact your local program staff for possible lodging reimbursement.

Which session(s) do you plan to attend? Please select one session in each section.

Sessions Section One

___ Concurrent Session: VOCA Grants presented by Kelly McIntosh

The United States Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime directly oversees the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds that are provided annually to each state in the U.S. VOCA funds are designated to be used in states to address the needs of victims of crime and to contribute to public safety efforts and enhancements. Since 2015 the Montana Board of Crime Control has worked to implement a comprehensive Victim Services Network.

In this presentation, the roles and responsibilities of the authorities assigned to distribute and manage the VOCA funds will be described, the vision and priorities for victim services in MT will be reviewed and the process for which potential applicants can apply will be discussed.

___ Concurrent Session : Peer Coordinating presented by Drew MacLeod and Cindy Basnett

You will learn about supporting volunteer advocates using the peer coordinator model.

Local program experiences from contemplation thru full transition to the Peer Coordinator model will be shared.

Sessions Section Two

___ Concurrent Session: How to Be an Effective Witness in a DN Hearing presented by Honorable Karen S. Townsend

You will learn tips on how to be an effective witness as a CASA volunteer. Differences between being a "fact" witness and an "expert" witness will be discussed. You will also learn about some witness "pitfalls".

___ Concurrent Session : Marketing & Communications-Volunteer Recruitment presented by Kietra Nelson

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Do you plan on attending the Keynote Speaker & Luncheon ___ Yes ___ No

Do you have food allergies? ___ Yes ___ No

If Yes, please list _____

Lodging Reservations: Please call 406-532-5300 by _____ to receive Hilton Garden Inn CASA/CAN Conferences Block Rates.

If your local program has been previously approved to receive CIP reimbursement funds for one night of CASA Conference lodging, you will receive a CASA lodging reimbursement form .

PLEASE FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM AND SESSION SELECTION AND EMAIL IT TO :

april@montanacasagal.org.

OR MAIL IT TO:

Montana Casa/GAL Association

P.O. Box 2596

Missoula, MT 59806

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Schedule

The Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula MT

11am-12pm: Conference Check-In/Networking

**12pm-Luncheon/ Welcome by Elaine Meeks MTCASA Board Chair
and Keynote Speaker Presentation by Shannon Stober**

1:15pm-1:30pm-Break

1:30pm-3:00pm-Concurrent Sessions 1

VOCA Grants

Peer Coordinating

3:00pm-3:15pm-Break

3:15pm-4:45pm-Concurrent Sessions 2

Court Procedures-Advocates as Effective Witnesses

Marketing & Communications-Volunteer Recruitment

4:45pm-5:00pm-Conclusion/Final Remarks

You are encouraged to make dinner plans together on your own. Network with other local programs and have a fun evening together! Missoula has great food and entertainment offerings. Visit these sites for information.



missouladowntown.com

destinationmissoula.org

missoulachamber.com

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Presenters

Montana CASA/GAL Conference Keynote Speaker

Shannon Stober



Shannon Stober, Verve Exchange Founder, is one of Montana's premier facilitators and trainers. Each year she engages hundreds of individuals from a variety of sectors through high-powered workshops, retreats, speaking engagements, and coaching activities. Shannon is also a skilled strategist and consultant, with an extensive background in community building and the development of program theory. Shannon completed two terms of service as an AmeriCorps *VISTA and went on to serve as the Statewide Training Officer for the Governor's Office of Community Service. She also served as a Program Manager for Montana Campus Compact and invested eight years working with Montana Conservation Corps, earning the title of Director of Programs. She is known for her positive energy, strength of character, and humor



Session Presenters

Kelly McIntosh

Kelly Welsh, or better known as Kelly McIntosh; has worked in direct services specific to crime victims for decades. Kelly has a long history of working with nonprofits of all types and cares deeply about the health and wealth of organizations serving their communities. In Kelly's current position at the State of Montana, she administers VOCA funds on behalf of the Montana Board of Crime Control, Board of Director's. She is delighted to educate CASA/GAL about VOCA, including how to determine your organizations eligibility to receive VOCA funds and how awarded VOCA funds may be used to bolster your community's safety and direct response to crime victims.



Session Presenters Continued

Drew MacLeod



Drew MacLeod has a deep background working with at risk youth and adventure programming. Originally from Minnesota he came to Montana after working with Native American youth in South Dakota. Drew worked for many years in outdoor experiential programs in Montana, South Carolina and Colorado. Drew and his wife, Kat, a Montana native, moved back to Billings in 2011. He joined CASA of Yellowstone County in 2013 as Program Coordinator, eventually becoming the Program Director. Along the way he served two youth as a volunteer CASA.

Cindy Basnett



Cindy Basnett, is the Advocacy Program Manager of CASA for Kids, Flathead County and has been with CASA since 2007. She began as a volunteer and loves supporting advocates in improving outcomes for children. She maintains balance spending time in the great outdoors with her family and friends. Cindy began working with CASA for Kids Advocate mentor program in 2008. Over time she transformed that program into our current CASA Coach program which is a variation of the Peer Coordinator model.



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The Honorable Karen Townsend has an extensive history working with Montana children and families including District Court Judge, 4th Judicial District for the State of Montana 2011-2019. Ohio Wesleyan University (B.A. 1964); University of California (M.A. 1965); University of Montana School of Law (J.D. with honors 1976); Deputy County Attorney, Missoula County Attorney's Office 1976-1980; Chief Staff Attorney, County Prosecutor's Services Bureau, Montana Department of Justice, 1980-December, 1981; Senior Deputy County Attorney, Missoula County Attorney's Office, 1982-1988; Director of Training, National College of District Attorneys, 1988-1990; Senior Deputy County Attorney, Missoula County Attorney's Office, 1990-1998; Chief Deputy County Attorney Missoula County Attorney's Office 1998-December 2006; Special Assistant United States Attorney, 1984-1988, 1990-2006; Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers; Named a Super Lawyer for the Northwest Region; Western Montana Bar's Outstanding Lawyer in 1994; Named winner of the YWCA's Salute to Excellence Award for Public Service in 1996; Awarded Distinguished Faculty Award from the National College of District Attorneys in June of 2006; Awarded the Karla Gray Access to Justice Award, 2017; Selected as the outstanding CASA Judge, 2019; Member, American Bar Association; State Bar of Montana, Member, Montana Supreme Court Commission on Criminal Jury Instructions; Faculty Member University of Montana Advanced Trial Advocacy Program, 1992-2001, Director of program in 2002-present; co-coach of University of Montana's Trial Advocacy Competition team 1998-2010, primary coach 2010-2012; extensive local, state and national trial advocacy teaching experience.

Our Thanks to the 2020 Montana CASA Conference Committee for Making This Conference Possible

Scott Appel-CASA of Missoula, Jamie Campbell-CASA for Kids, Allison Dunne-Bitterroot CASA,

Kendra Proue-CASA of Lewis & Clark and Broadwater Counties and Elaine Meeks MTCASA Board Chair