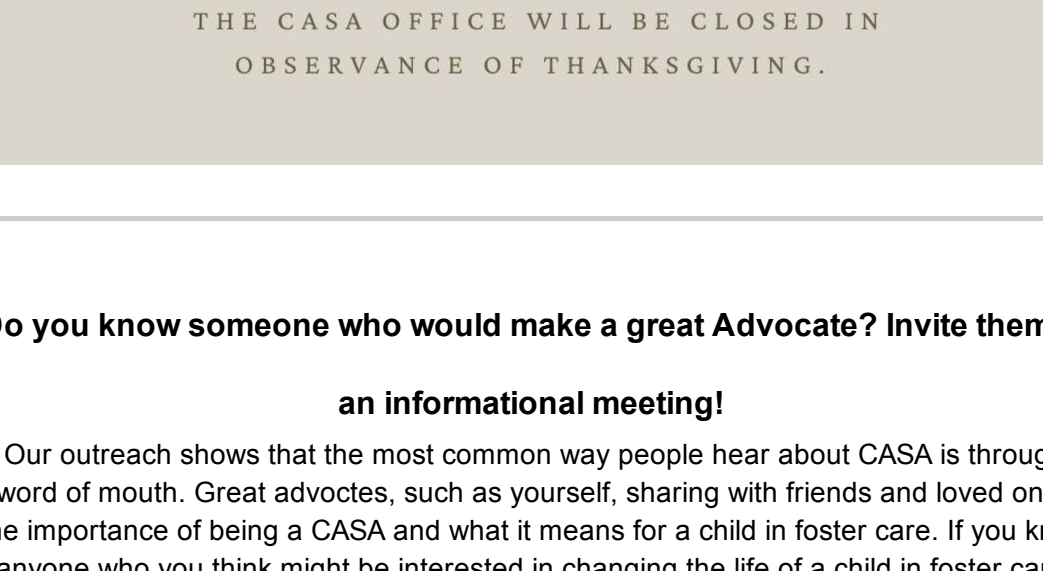


The Advocate Update

November 18, 2020

Closed for Thanksgiving!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 & 27



THE CASA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.

Do you know someone who would make a great Advocate? Invite them to an informational meeting!

Our outreach shows that the most common way people hear about CASA is through word of mouth. Great advocates, such as yourself, sharing with friends and loved ones the importance of being a CASA and what it means for a child in foster care. If you know anyone who you think might be interested in changing the life of a child in foster care, send them our way!

Our next informational meeting is TODAY, Wednesday November 18 at 5pm. We also have one scheduled for December 3rd at 9am.

[Share this link with them and invite them to sign up.](#)

You're already changing the life of a youth in foster care, help change the life of another.



Employment Opportunity at CASA of Santa Cruz

Cita Rasul, CASA's Outreach Manager, is no longer with CASA. Over her seven and a half years at CASA, Cita personally recruited over 500 volunteer Advocates with a smile and positivity that affected the lives of many people. We thank her for her service to our community and wish her all the best in her next endeavors.

We are currently accepting applications for our Bilingual Outreach and Recruitment Manager position.

[Click here for job description and application instructions.](#)

Holiday Gift Request

As we approach the Holiday season, we would like to get a head start on our Holiday wish list for each CASA child/youth. Gifts come from different donors in the community with different priorities of how they want to give. Your child/youth will receive at least 1 item from this list request.

If you haven't done so yet, please fill out this form by the end of the day TODAY, Nov. 18th

Thank you!

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Get Connected. Get Help.™
United Way of Santa Cruz County

If you would like to receive updates and important information about any of our resources, text any of the keywords below to 211-211 to opt-in. Message and data rates apply

<p>INTERNET (or CONNECT/CONNECTATE) Learn more about low-cost internet offers in your area. We'll ask you a series of questions to determine eligibility and refer you to the best offer we can find. We'll follow up periodically with reminders and notifications.</p>	<p>RENTSOS Inform you of your tenant rights according to local ordinances based on zip codes.</p>
<p>COVID19 (or COVID/CORONAVIRUS) You'll receive updates and important information about COVID19.</p>	<p>TAXES to be screened for CalEITC eligibility and get referred to myfreetaxes.org to file for free. You'll also receive information related to tax returns and updates that UWCA learns about.</p>
<p>KINSHIP We'll connect you to our KinshipCareCA.org website and Call Center. You'll be able to find local resources and best-fit service providers on the website, by phone with trained staff, or by text - 24/7.</p>	<p>BENEFITS We'll screen you for 18 social safety net benefits at the federal, state and local levels through BenefitKitchen.com</p>
<p>FIRE to be provided with country specific updates on fire information such as evacuation alerts, evacuation shelters, food access and more.</p>	

If you'd like to view the Spanish version of this flyer, [please click here.](#)

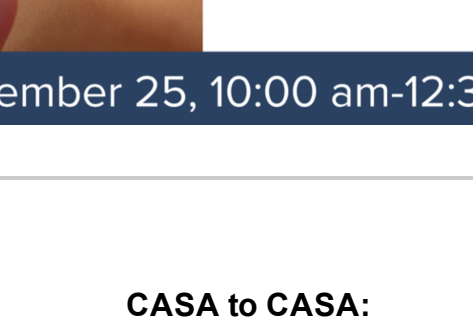


Is your CASA child or youth having a hard time engaging while we shelter in place? With the help of advocates, CASA put together a list of resources and activities for you to share with resource parents or try out on your own. We're constantly updating it so check back often and let us know if there are other resources not yet stated in our list!

Supporting Children Returning to Remote Learning

Kids in Santa Cruz County are going back to school in the most difficult time of their lives. The impact of COVID-19 and the wildfires are causing severe detriment to the education of the youth of our community. But there is a lot our advocates can do. Visit our website by clicking "Learn More" to see how you can help support children during remote learning.

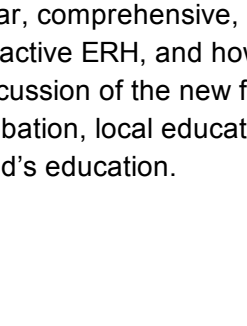
[Learn More](#)



COVID-19 Resources and Information

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education has a webpage dedicated as a resource for families and school administrators regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). This is a live page, so updates and school closure information will be posted on this page periodically. Visit them at <https://santacruzcoe.org/superintendent/health-and-wellness/coronavirus/> to learn more about everything from to wifi and free lunch locations.

CONTINUING EDUCATION



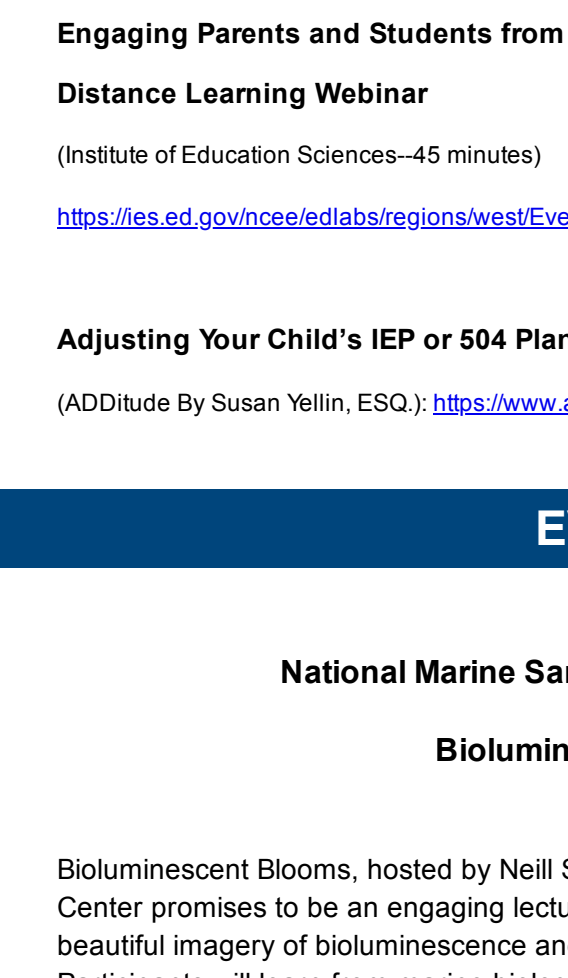
Continuing Education Google Calendar

Check out our brand new Google calendar full of continuing education and development opportunities. Our CASA supervisors are regularly updating it, so check back often for newly added webinars and events.

[Click here to view the calendar](#)

Birth to Five Inservice

With Guest Presenter Susan Huffman, Resource Family Support & Trainer



If you are currently an advocate for a child ages 0-5 or interested in learning more, please join us.

- Child Development
- Effects of Trauma
- Early Intervention
- CASA Advocate Role with Young Children
- Family Strengths
- Improving Outcomes

[Click HERE to register!](#)

November 25, 10:00 am-12:30 pm

CASA to CASA:

Department of Rehabilitation

Join us to learn about the Department of Rehabilitation's workability programs for youth in foster care.

Date: December 1st, 2020

Time: 3:30pm - 5pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

Improving Educational Outcomes: Educational Rights Holder

Appointment and Responsibilities

Every child needs an active and engaged educational rights holder (ERH) to make education decisions from where a child should attend school, to which special education services they might receive, to addressing school discipline, to planning for graduation. In California, children in foster care must have an educational rights holder appointed by the court to assume this role, unless their biological parents have retained those rights. The Judicial Council of California recently updated the ERH forms to make them more clear, comprehensive, and easily utilized. This webinar will focus on the importance of an active ERH, and how to ensure they are appointed for each child. Join us for a discussion of the new forms and how they can play a role in ensuring that child welfare, probation, local education agencies, and ERHs can work collaboratively to support the child's education.

Date: December 10, 2020

Time: 10am- 12pm

[Click here to Learn More and Register](#)

Pre-recorded Webinars and Articles

CORE Coffee Chat: Digital Equity and Distance Learning

(Hosted by Nicole Young--90 minutes):

- English: https://youtu.be/-CRK_BF-imE
- Spanish: <https://youtu.be/SQSumkiHPVvK>

Distance Learning and Broadband Discussion with FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel

(Hosted by Congressman Jimmy Panetta--46 minutes): <https://youtu.be/p9GfVt45zeQ>

Engaging Parents and Students from Diverse Populations in the Context of Distance Learning Webinar

(Institute of Education Sciences--45 minutes)

<https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/west/Events/Details/362>

Adjusting Your Child's IEP or 504 Plan for Distance Learning

(ADDitude By Susan Yellin, ESQ.): <https://www.additudemag.com/iep-504-plan-distance-learning/>

EVENTS

National Marine Sanctuaries Webinar Series:

Bioluminescent Blooms

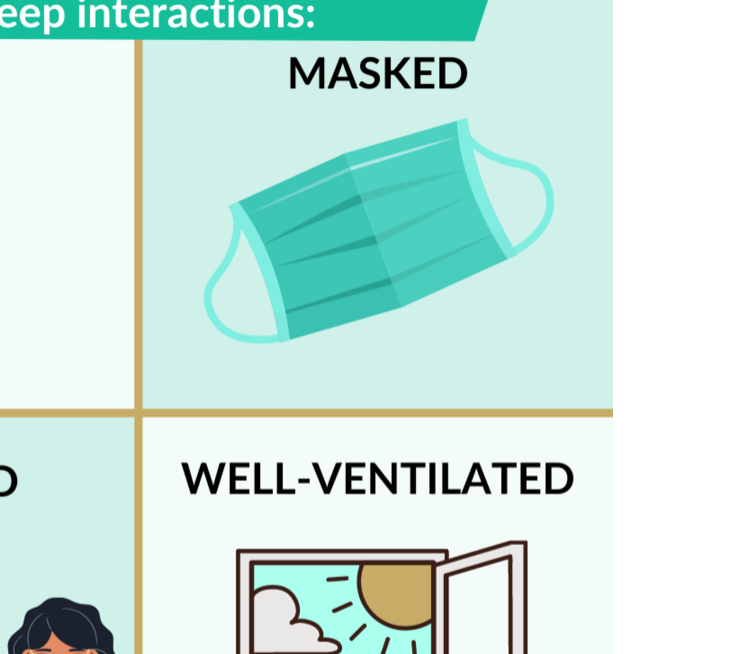
Bioluminescent Blooms, hosted by Neill Sea Odyssey and the Sanctuary Exploration Center promises to be an engaging lecture at the intersection of science and art, with beautiful imagery of bioluminescence and an intimate view of light-producing organisms. Participants will learn from marine biologist Dr. Steve Haddock and seascape photographer Johnny Chien, and explore the phenomenon of glowing waves and nature documentation from these two unique perspectives. The evening will focus on plankton in Monterey Bay in a changing climate, and the organisms that spark the firework blooms witnessed in the crashing waves at night over the summer.

What: Bioluminescent Blooms free, virtual event

When: Thursday, November 19th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Where: Hosted by the Sanctuary Exploration Center and O'Neill Sea Odyssey.

[Click Here to Register](#)

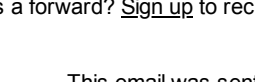


...AND JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

REDUCE RISK OF COVID-19
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<p>DISTANCED</p>	<p>WELL-VENTILATED</p>

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