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South Dakota Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Commission to Hold Annual Meeting on May 21

PIERRE, S.D. — The South Dakota Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Commission will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDT, virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The Commission will hear presentations from Sioux Falls CASA, East Central CASA, Northern Hills CASA, Seventh Circuit CASA, Southeast CASA and First Circuit CASA about their annual basis funding (approximately \$203,000). The Commission will also hear presentations from Fifth Circuit CASA and Sixth Circuit CASA about additional funding for these new CASA programs, as well as a presentation from Seventh Circuit CASA about additional marketing funding.

Other agenda items include updates from the state-administered CASA Association, discussion and awards of annual basic funds and additional funds, the annual CASA grant application, additional CASA funding allocation strategy, a December 2025 meeting and 2026 meeting dates.

View the agenda and virtual meeting link at <https://bit.ly/48ZxJ4B>.

The South Dakota CASA State Administered Organization, in collaboration with the National CASA Association and the South Dakota Unified Judicial System' State Court Administrator's Office, is committed to providing leadership, support and encouragement to the state's CASA programs that provide a service to the court that oversees child abuse and neglect cases and to the children involved in the court proceedings.

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