

ARIZONA CASA PROGRAM

ADVOCACY ACADEMY Training Manual



Dear Advocate,

The Arizona CASA *Advocacy Academy Manual* has been developed to help you expand your knowledge of the systems, policies and practices you will encounter as a CASA volunteer. The systems include Child Protection, the Court, Education and the Arizona CASA Program. In addition, you will find more information about the work and role of a CASA volunteer as well as a helpful glossary that explains many terms and acronyms that may be new to you.

The *Advocacy Academy Manual* is divided into seven sections:

1. The Development of Child Abuse and Neglect Laws
2. The Child Protection System
3. The Court System
4. The Education System
5. CASA Volunteer Work—Part 1
6. Administrative Code & Policy Manual
7. Glossary and Acronyms

This manual is intended to be a supplement to the topics that will be discussed during the two-day Advocacy Academy. Please be sure to review the information in this manual before starting your first case. We hope this manual continues to be a useful tool as you advocate for the best interests of foster children in Arizona.

We truly appreciate all your efforts and thank you for making a real difference in the lives of Arizona's abused and neglected children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Marcus".

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