CASA of Maricopa County Subject Matter Experts

Leslie Blakley

Independent Living

Extended Foster Care

Gwen Jordan

Teens

Pregnant/Parenting Teens

Jordyn Patti

Crossover Youth

Sibling Visits

John Wistuber

Criminal Procedure

Criminal Records

Stephine Klaas

Sex Trafficking

Vital Records

Joey Molina

Mental/Behavioral Health

Youth

Advocacy/Rights/CODY

Lara Taubman

Funds owed to foster children

Trauma Informed/Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Ben Hoff

Education

Employment

Xochitl Ruiz

Sex Trafficking

Incarcerated Parents

Jenny Montgomery

Developmental Delays

Medically Fragile

Madelyne Beck

LGBTQ+

Substance Abuse Exposure

Mickel Valenzuela

Testifying in court

Adoption/Guardianship

Alani Hammonds

Autism

Domestic Violence/Gun Violence

The CASA program's subject matter experts (SMEs) are individuals with specialized knowledge in a particular field or domain. They can provide expertise to guide volunteers in their advocacy, help navigate complex barriers, and contribute to the overall understanding of specific topics that might impact the cases served by advocates.