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### **CASA SHaW is holding mini-workshops focusing on child abuse in our community**

Washington, NJ (July 16) – Court Appointed Special Advocates of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties (CASA SHaW) has announced a series of monthly mini-workshops over the next year that will focus on the issue of child abuse in our local communities. This past week, CASA SHaW held its first mini-workshop focusing on “trauma within foster care” with much success.

“With these mini-workshops in our community, we are engaging more with the community so we can all better understand the roots of child abuse, and then find methods, resources and problem solving solutions to help children who go through abuse and neglect” said Tracy Heisler, Executive Director of CASA SHaW.”

The following mini-workshops will be held the second Thursday of each month from 8:30 to 9:30 AM at either the CASA SHaW Washington, NJ office located at 150 Boulevard, Washington, NJ 07882 or the Bridgewater location at 120 FINDERNE Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. For appointed CASA volunteer advocates, attendance at the workshops will count for one in-service hour.

- August 9: “Understanding childhood trauma” – Bridgewater location
- September 13: “Educational challenges” – Washington location
- October 11: “Resilience” – Bridgewater location
- November 8: “Holidays and foster care” – Washington location
- December 13: “Importance of family connections” – Bridgewater location
- January 10: “Family challenges” – Washington location
- February 14: “Medical advocacy” – Bridgewater location
- March 14: “Early intervention screenings” – Washington location
- April 11: “Child abuse prevention” – Bridgewater location
- May 9: “Foster care and the courts” – Washington location
- June 13: “Summer resources” – Bridgewater location

“These mini-workshops are open to the public and free of charge. It’s important that we are consistently engaging with our community partners as we continue to discuss issues related to child welfare and how we all do our part to help vulnerable children cope and heal from abuse,” said Heisler.

CASA of Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties is part of a statewide network of community-based, non-profit programs that recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers to “Speak Up for a Child” removed from home due to abuse or neglect. CASA is the only program in New Jersey that uses trained volunteers to work one-on-one with children, ensuring that each one gets the services needed and achieves permanency in a safe, nurturing home. To find a local CASA program in your county, visit [www.casaofnj.org](http://www.casaofnj.org).

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