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CASA Directors and Staff:

CASA Day at the Capitol, which will be Legislative Day 15, is only a few days away, so please continue reading for important reminders and suggestions to help make this the best CASA Day yet! Remember that details can also be found at <https://www.gacasa.org/casa-day-capitol-2019/>, including a link to last week's Webinar if you missed it.

**Registration:**

- Attached is list of all registrations received to date. If you notice any discrepancies with your registration, please contact Regina as soon as possible to get that rectified.

**Know Your Legislators:**

- Every individual attending CASA Day at the Capitol should know their respective Representative and Senator, which can be found by entering in a residence addresses in at [https://openstates.org/find\\_your\\_legislator/](https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/).
- Directors and staff attending the event should have an idea of who the Representatives and Senators are that cover the affiliate's entire service area (I know this can be quite a few for our metro programs and programs with a large geographic territory!), but this knowledge can be extremely helpful when you can recognize them on sight either at the luncheon or at the ropes. (Speaking of the ropes, if you know that you'd like to pull your Representatives or Senators off the floor, you might find it convenient to have your paging slips filled out in advance. They are available on the website to print.)

**Preparing Attendees and Talking Points:**

- If you have individuals attending CASA Day for the first time, consider hosting a quick call to outline the schedule of events and expectations.
- Some affiliates have found it helpful for their volunteers and staff to learn their legislators in advance by creating packets of information about them (for example, include legislators' photos, bio, pertinent committees, and relevant sponsored legislation, if applicable). Others have arranged for carpools and provided snacks for the ride.
- It might also help everyone feel more comfortable if they have the chance to review the talking points in advance. This year, we're not going to be discussing any substantive legislation (bills have had a slow start being introduced this session), but rather continuing to express our appreciation for the legislators' ongoing support of CASA, folding them into our work as ambassadors, and making a request for a budget increase of \$500,000. The Talking Points are attached to this email and posted to the website. These points will also be

emphasized during the Legislative Briefing.

### **Driving and Parking:**

- Allow plenty of time to get to Atlanta!
- If you're carpooling, you can drop off your passengers at the Steve Polk Plaza, one driveway past the parking lot that is in front of the Depot (33 MLK Jr. Dr. SW), and then go park your car. (If you get to Central Ave, you just missed the Steve Polk Plaza. This driveway/cul du sac is located at the former World of Coca Cola building.)
- Below are several parking options:
  - If you're an early arriver, you may be able to park right in front of the Depot in the open air lot. Enter 33 MLK Jr Dr SW into Google Maps, and it will take you to the entrance for this parking lot.
  - If this lot is full, continue heading west on MLK to the first Underground garage. (There are two Underground parking garages.)
    - As you're heading west on MLK Drive, immediately after passing Central Avenue, there is an Underground Deck A, use the address 75 MLK Jr. Dr. SW for this deck.
    - If that deck has a FULL sign, keep heading west, and after you cross Pryor Street, there will be another Underground Atlanta Garage located at 111 MLK Jr Dr. SW.
  - You can always park at the Pete Hackney Parking Deck at 162 Jesse Hill Junior Dr SE (this was our parking location when we used to meet at the Floyd Building) if all of these other options are full. (Flat rate of \$10)

### **Schedule of Events:**

- Upon glancing at the schedule of events (attached), you'll see that we will begin at 9:30, and we'll have coffee and pastries available if you arrive early.
- After DFCS Interim Director Rawlings's Welcome Address and our Legislative Briefing, we'll proceed to the Capitol for a Capitol Visit and photo with Governor Kemp. *Don't forget that each person in your party will be required to show a photo ID to get into the Capitol.*
- We suggest using the Capitol Visit time to page your legislators to remind them about lunch, observe the happenings on the House or Senate floors from the 4th floor gallery, or leave information with the legislators' staff at their offices. (Speaking of leave-behinds, we'll be giving all of the elected officials s'mores once again this year. They will be delivered to their desks in the morning). If the timing of the group photo impedes the morning Capitol Visit, plan to spend some time after lunch touring the capitol, visiting with legislative staff, or attending committee hearings.

### **Luncheon:**

- To ensure that all groups can sit near each other and have the same opportunity to meet with legislators whose districts cover multiple programs' jurisdictions, we'll have set seating again. Your table number will be available at registration.
- New this year, we're asking everyone to be back at the Depot by 11:35 for a quick Luncheon Kick-Off.
- Lunch will be a hot, buffet-style. (Attendees with dietary restrictions will need to ask Depot

staff for their specially prepared meal).

- Each affiliate should plan to have someone from their area present at their assigned tables the entire luncheon. Legislators only have a very brief time and are specifically coming to see the folks from their district. The ushers may not be able to find anyone from your affiliate if no one is in your assigned area.
- In addition to the legislators, our child advocacy partners and funders will be joining the CASA network for lunch as well.

**Don't forget:**

- Personally invite your legislators to the luncheon on Thursday at the Depot if you haven't already done so.
- Remind everyone in your group to wear a pop of red!
- Be sure to take your own photos and use the hashtag #GACASADayatCap when posting to social media accounts.
- Bring your photo IDs.
- HAVE FUN!

Please let us know if you have any questions, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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