

Court Decorum

The Dependency calendar is set at 8:30 am for all cases. Court usually runs until 12:00 pm and breaks for lunch. It resumes at 1:30 pm for trials or cases not yet heard. There are usually 10:00 am and 3:00 pm breaks. Court ends at 4:30 pm. Cases will be called in no particular order. We try to get CASAs in early and put you on a priority list.

The Dependency Calendar is set at 9:00 am on Wednesday's for Santa Barbara cases.

Please remember that you are a guest in the courtroom.

Waiting Area

- Please bring a book, magazine, project, or other activity to keep you busy, as you may have a long wait.
- You may want to bring a light snack and drink for yourself and your CASA child. There are no vending machines available.
- There are public bathrooms.

Dress Code

- Please dress appropriately for court. That is, professional attire that you might wear to work or to an interview.
- Wear your CASA ID badge.

Food/drink in court

- No food or drinks are allowed in the courtroom.
- Please discard any food or drink, including gum or mints, before entering the courtroom.

Speaking in court

- Wait to be called upon or prompted to speak in court, or to speak to the judge.

Demeanor/Actions

- At times, we may hear things in court to which we might have a strong reaction. Please keep all thoughts and emotions to yourself. Please feel free to debrief with a CASA staff person after court.
- Always be respectful in language, tone, and body language.
- Listen to and follow the bailiff's instructions at all times.
- Please turn off your cell phone before entering court.