



## Training

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Login with your provided credentials

**Username:** firstname.lastname **Password:** \_\_\_\_\_

The first time you login...

1. Update personal information by clicking “Personal Info”
  - a. Verify that all information is correct
  - b. Emergency contact – if none is listed, click the green “Add” button and input contact information for at least 1 person to contact in case of emergency
2. Return to the home screen by clicking “Volunteers Dashboard”

Add

### Volunteers Dashboard

  
Volunteers Dashboard

  
Help

Address Book

Personal Info

Cases

To-Do List

Training Logs

Non-Case

Calendar

New Docs

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### **Cases Tab** – View all active case assignments

Select a case to view by clicking the blue case number. This will open the Case Details page. This page displays information about the case including case assignments, children in case, current placements, and family members sections. It also is where contact logs, documents, and other information about the case is stored.

#### CASE DETAILS

Case Information

Case Number

18CPXXXX

Case Name

SMITH

County

Galveston

Jurisdiction

Priority Case?

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Petition Date

1/1/2018

Notes

Legal Status

Type	Date	End Date
TMC	1/1/2018	

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### Case Details Sections

- **Case Information** – View case number, case name, petition date, current legal status, and any notes.



**OPTIMA TIP:** Click this icon under the “Action” section to view more information

#### Case Assignments

Name ▲	Type ▲	Supervisor	Assigned ▼	Released ▼	Reason ▲	Contact Info ▲
Jones, John		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1/1/2018			555-555-5555 <a href="mailto:john@casagalveston.org">john@casagalveston.org</a>
Doe, Jane		<input type="checkbox"/>	1/12/2018			555-555-5555

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- **Case Assignments** – You will already be listed on the case assignment section
  - Note the assigned date – this will be required information on a court report

#### Children in Case

Name ▲	AKA/Alias ▲	Gender ▲	Child Age ▲	Close Date ▼	Volunteer ▲	Supervisor ▲	Next Hearing ▼	Action
Smith, Mary		Female	5		Doe, Jane	Jones, John	2/10/2018	

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- **Children in Case** – This section contains information about the child/children in the case
  - Click on the magnifying glass to view or add more information about the child, including language, any disabilities, and schools attended
  - Add new information by clicking the “add” button in the appropriate section.

#### Current Placements

Add

Name ▲	Placement ▲	From ▼	Reason ▲	With Siblings ▲	Contact Name ▲	Contact Info ▲	Action
Smith, Mary	Foster Home - Non-Relative	1/1/2018	Abuse/Neglect	None	Parent, Foster	555-555-5555	

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- **Current Placements** – This section contains information about the child/children’s current placement(s) and the date placed
  - ○ Click the magnifying glass to view more information about the placement
  - ○ Past placements can be viewed in “Placement History” in the last section

#### Family Members

Add

Name ▲	AKA ▲	Relationship ▲	Active ▲	Deceased ▲	Contact Info	Action
Brown, Ashley		Mother	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	555-555-5555 <a href="mailto:ashleybrown@gmail.com">ashleybrown@gmail.com</a>	
Smith, Mark		Father	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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○ **Family Members** – View all known family members and their contact information.

- Add family members by clicking the “Add” button

Contact Logs	To Do	Associated Parties	Documents	Petitions and Allegations	Hearings	Placement History
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Add
View Notes
Search

Name	Type	Subject	Date	Hours	Status	Action
Doe, Jane	Education Contact	Request Grades	1/16/2018	.25	Pending	🔍
Jones, John	Attended Hearing/Court	Adversary Hearing	1/16/2018	3	Approved	🔍

○ **Contact Logs** – Contact logs are a record of each contact you make regarding the case ○ Click add to create a new contact log and include all required information:

✦ Person contacted

- If they are already listed as an “Associated Party” (see below) check the box next to their name
- If they are not, add their information in the field titled “Others Contacted”

ADD
Contact Log

Case Number: XXXXXXXX  
Case Name: SMITH  
Activity Date: 2/1/2018  
Activity Type:   
Subject:   
Out of Court:   
Contact Type:   
Hours:   
Mileage:   
Expenses: \$0.00  
Notes:   
(0 out of 5000)

Select	Contacted	Party Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Gray	Attorney
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greg Black	Attorney
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jane Doe	CASA Advocate
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Jones	CASA Supervisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pat Blue	Caseworker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amelia Green	Caseworker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia Orange	Caseworker
<input type="checkbox"/>	May Smith	Child
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Parent	Foster Parent(s)

Others Contacted:
First Name:   
Last Name:   
Relationship:   
First Name:   
Last Name:   
Relationship:   
First Name:   
Last Name:

- ✦ Activity date – date the activity occurred (note: it will auto-populate with TODAY’s date)
  - ✦ Activity type – choose the type of contact from the drop down
    - Note: if you had a child and placement contact in the same visit, remember to create 2 separate logs (a child contact and a placement contact)
  - ✦ Subject – description of the contact (ex: Monthly Visit)
  - ✦ Contact type – choose the method of contact from the drop down (phone, email, face-to-face, etc.)
  - ✦ Hours – record time spent travelling and during the contact in decimals (30 minutes = .5 hours)
    - Remember, if you have multiple contact logs for one visit, you will only count the time once!
  - ✦ Mileage, if applicable – if the visit was 5 miles away from your home, you would record 10 miles (5 miles to the visit, 5 miles back home)
    - Remember, if you have multiple contact logs for one visit, you will only count the mileage once!
  - ✦ Notes – be thorough and describe the contact. If it was an email, you can copy the content of the email into this field. Notes will be extremely helpful when composing a court report, and the more detail included the better!
- Supervisors also record all contacts made for the case in this section
  - Use the Optima Contact Log Table for further information about recording contacts

- **Associated Parties** – This section lists all individuals that have been identified as “associated” with this case ○ They are the individuals listed on the person contacted box of the contact log
  - ✦ If you are consistently contacting someone and adding their information as “Others Contacted,” it is helpful to add them as an “Associated Party” – ask your supervisor for more information
  - ✦ View this section to find contact information for attorneys, caseworkers, and placement
- **Documents** – All documents related to the case are uploaded to the documents tab ○ As soon as you are assigned you should be reading all documents, beginning with the oldest document (last page of documents) so that you see the oldest/first documents before the newer ones – click the magnifying glass to begin downloading the file
  - Any documents you receive should be uploaded by you or your supervisor to this area (ex: IEPs, educational records, psychological evaluations, medical records, etc.). All documents should be destroyed after uploading.
    - ✦ Click “Add” to upload the file
      - Select the file type – ask your supervisor if you are unsure what type to select
      - Select the date of the document
      - Click “Save”
- **Hearings** – View list of all hearings for the case, along with when the report for that hearing is due and the type of hearing. **Court reports are always due 10 business days before the hearing**
- **Placement History** – View the child’s placement history, including placement type, date placed, date removed, and contact for the placement. This is included in the court report and very helpful for composing a court report

## Volunteers Dashboard

The Volunteers Dashboard interface includes a top navigation bar with icons for 'Volunteers Dashboard' and 'Help'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with buttons for 'Address Book' and 'Personal Info'. A third navigation bar contains tabs for 'Cases', 'To-Do List', 'Training Logs' (which is active), 'Non-Case', 'Calendar', and 'New Docs'. Under the 'Training Logs' tab, there is a green 'Add' button. Below the buttons is a table header with columns: 'Complete Date', 'Training Topic', 'Hours', and 'Mileage', each with a dropdown arrow.

**Training Logs Tab** – View all in-service training hours accrued – you must have 12 hours each calendar year!

- Click “Add” to create an entry for each training attended
- Include this information: ○ Date training occurred (both schedule and complete date)
  - Training topic – select the option that most closely fits the topic of your training
    - ✦ Ex: If you read a book, select book and record 1 hour for every 100 pages read (350 pages=3.5 hours)

ADD

The 'In-Service Training' form contains the following fields: 'Schedule Date' (text input), 'Complete Date' (text input), 'Training Topic' (dropdown menu with '<< Select a Value >>'), 'Training Format' (dropdown menu with '<< Select a Value >>'), 'Trainer' (dropdown menu), 'Hours' (text input), 'Mileage' (text input), and 'Notes' (text area). At the bottom right, it shows '(0 out of 2000)' and two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Create'.

- Hours – record the number of hours spent in training ○ Mileage – record the number of miles travelled to attend training
- Notes – if you are reading a book, include responses to questions provided with the book in this area •  
Click “Create” to save

**Non-Case Tab** – Record all non-case activity in this area (fundraising, office help, recruiting, speaking engagements, CASA events)

- Click “Add” to create an entry for each non-case activity attended
- Include this information:
  - Date activity occurred
  - Activity
  - Hours – record the number of hours spent on non-case activity
  - Mileage – record the number of miles travelled to attend non-case event
- Click “Create” to save

ADD

**Non-Case Activity**

Date

Activity << Select a Value >>

Hours

Mileage

Expenses \$0.00

Notes

(0 out of 2000)

Cancel Create

**New Docs Tab** – If a new document has been uploaded to Optima and you have not viewed it, it will be visible in this section until you view the document

- All documents listed under “New Docs” will also be visible on the “Documents” tab for the specific case
- This is a useful way to make sure no documents are missed as they are uploaded

### Tasks for new Optima Users:

- Login
- **Note: if you get locked out and cannot log in, do not click the “help” button. Contact your supervisor to have your password reset.**
- Add an emergency contact if one is not listed
- Update personal information
  - Add your “CASA email” if it is not already listed
- Explore the database and get comfortable with where information is located
  - Review the Optima Contact Log Table for details about

recording contacts

- ☐ View your assigned case
  - Read all documents (beginning with the oldest document and finishing with the most recent)
  - ☐ Review all associated parties
- ☐ Record time reviewing case in Contact Log as “Case research”

**Questions? Contact your supervisor for help with Optima**