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CASA Directors and Staff:

We are one week away from CASA Day at the Capitol at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot! Please continue reading for important reminders and suggestions to help make this the best CASA Day yet!

Updates to Schedule of Events:

- EmpowerMEnt Policy Advocate Nyeelah Innis will share our morning message about the importance of engaging in legislative advocacy for youth in foster care.
- Resolutions: Senator Gooch of Dahlonge and Representative Ballinger of Canton will be sponsoring the delivery of the CASA s'mores and privileged resolutions in the Senate and the House respectively, recognizing CASA Day at the Capitol. **If you have individuals interested in attending the morning orders in the House or Senate galleries, please let me know.**
- Our photo will be at 10:45 am with Governor Deal, and he will present us with a proclamation at that time.

Before You Go:

- Registration for CASA Day at the Capitol closed today. 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.
- Preparing your attendees: 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 identify their legislators in advance and have prepared and information about them (for example, creating packets that include legislators' photos, bio, pertinent committees, and relevant sponsored legislation, if applicable). Others have arranged for carpools and provided snacks for the ride. For other details for Capitol Day, see our website at <https://www.gacasa.org/casa-day-capitol-2018/>. If you missed last week's webinar on our 2018 Legislative Strategy and CASA Day at the Capitol Details, you can access that link via the website, too.
- Driving and Parking: Of course, you'll want to allow plenty of time to get to Atlanta next week. Right now, the forecast is calling for a warm, rainy morning. Rain in Atlanta means increased traffic and delays. If you're carpooling, this year, 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 Depot) if all of these other options are full.
- Don't forget:
 - Personally invite your legislators to the luncheon on Wednesday at the Depot if you haven't already done so.
 - Remind everyone in your group to wear **a pop of red!** Our photographer will be ready to capture your "Everyday Heroes" memories.
 - Be sure to take your own photos and use the hashtag **#GACASADayatCap** when posting to social media accounts.
 - Bring your photo IDs and umbrellas.
 - HAVE FUN! 😊

Please let me know if you have any questions. We are looking forward to seeing you soon at the Depot!!

Angela

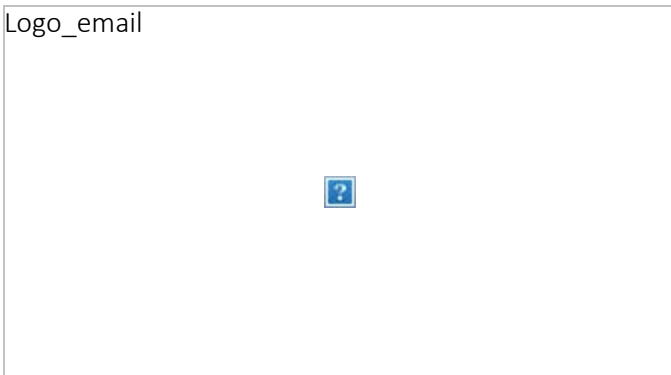
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