Advocating for LGBTQ+ Youth

* Ask what their pronouns are
* Ask what their preferred name is
* Talk with the social worker and ensure that the youth has the access to the resources they need. Coordinate with the social worker on what resources the social worker will refer versus what the youth will need to apply for directly. Collaborate with the social worker to inquire about additional items donated that the youth might need.
* Talk with the youth to ask what they need.
* Ensure that the youth has transportation to medical appointments, court hearings, etc. This can be coordinated through the social worker.
* Attend Trainings:
  + Small groups with the focus of the LGBTQ+ Community
  + Human Rights Campaign All Children – All Families
* Court Reports.
  + The reports should contain information, including how the youth identifies, their preferred pronouns and name, are their caseworkers supportive and affirming, etc.
  + The CASA’s recommendations should include any needs or additional services that the youth may need to help with their identity processing, transition, etc.