

## **YOUTH VOICE OPPORTUNITY – NATIONAL CASA CONFERENCE**

This is a great opportunity below for any youth/foster alumni who would appreciate getting some experience as a panelist at a national conference taking place in Atlanta this year! The engagement is set for 3:30-5pm on Sunday, April 17th at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. I NEED TO KNOW WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE BY NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH. Additional details are included below:

### **Format/Focus:**

A question and answer panel was suggested although I think a permanency or youth involvement focus would work too. Last year, they had youth groups speak about challenges of youth transitioning to independence, importance of racial and ethnic identity, and resiliency. It will be CASA volunteers and staff from all over the country so a topic or topics that can transfer across state lines would be ideal. Of course, if they have had a CASA volunteer, that would be great but not an expectation.

### **Conference Details:**

The National CASA Conference will be held in Atlanta in April this year. Over 1,000 CASA staff and volunteers from across the country attend this conference and are always interested in hearing from current and former foster care youth. The conference website is [http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPisE/b.5405963/k.A2FE/Annual\\_Conference.htm](http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPisE/b.5405963/k.A2FE/Annual_Conference.htm)