

WV CASA Celebrates Dr. Portia Smith's Doctorate in Business Administration, Recognizing Her Commitment to Advocacy for Abused and Neglected Children

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WV CASA Congratulates Dr. Portia Smith on Graduating with Doctorate in Business Administration

Charleston, WV - July 6th, 2023 -- WV CASA (West Virginia CASA Association, Inc), a leading nonprofit organization supporting volunteer advocacy for abused or neglected children in the court system, is proud to announce the graduation of their Outreach and Development Specialist, Dr. Portia Smith, with a Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) from Walden University. Dr. Smith's doctoral study addresses the strategies that nonprofit organization leaders need to recruit and retain diverse members successfully. Dr. Smith's accomplishment is a testament to her dedication and commitment to furthering her knowledge in the nonprofit sector.

On July 2nd, 2023, Dr. Smith successfully completed her doctoral degree program, which included a Consulting Capstone component. As a scholar-consultant, Dr. Smith had the opportunity to work with a nonprofit organization, gaining invaluable real-world experience while contributing to the community. WV CASA commends Dr. Smith for her exceptional work throughout her studies and her commitment to making a positive impact on society.

Dr. Smith's educational journey in the United States began with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, with a minor in Spanish, from West Virginia State University, where she co-founded a nonprofit organization called Angels Inspired, Inc. She then went on to earn a Master of Science degree in Communication from Walden University. Dr. Smith's diverse academic background has equipped her with a unique skill set and a deep understanding of effective communication and cultural diversity.

The 2023 commencement ceremony is set to take place on Saturday, July 22nd, 2023, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. WV CASA is thrilled to celebrate this momentous occasion alongside Dr. Smith, recognizing her outstanding achievements and dedication to personal and professional growth.

As the Outreach and Development Specialist at WV CASA, Dr. Smith has played a vital role in advancing the organization's mission to develop, support, and strengthen CASA programs throughout West Virginia. Her expertise in marketing and social impact management has been

instrumental in raising awareness about the critical need for diverse volunteer advocacy for abused or neglected children in the state's court system.

"We extend our warmest congratulations to Dr. Portia Smith on successfully completing her Doctorate in Business Administration," said a WV CASA spokesperson. "Her educational achievements and specialization in Entrepreneurial Leadership, Marketing, and Social Impact Management will undoubtedly enhance our efforts to provide quality volunteer advocacy for the children we serve."

WV CASA is immensely proud of Dr. Portia Smith's accomplishments and looks forward to her continued contributions to the organization's mission. Her dedication and expertise will undoubtedly make a lasting impact on the lives of abused or neglected children in West Virginia.

For more information about WV CASA and its commitment to providing volunteer advocacy, please visit their website at <https://www.wvcasa.org/>.

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About WV CASA: WV CASA (West Virginia CASA Association, Inc) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization supporting ten local CASA programs across West Virginia. As a member organization of the National CASA/GAL Association for Children, WV CASA's mission is to develop, support, and strengthen CASA programs throughout the state, ensuring quality volunteer advocacy for abused or neglected children in the court system.