



What is CASA?

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is a nonprofit program that recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers who advocate for abused and/or neglected children in the child welfare system.

What is a CASA Volunteer?

A CASA Volunteer is a trained community member who is appointed by the judge to represent the best interests of a child. The CASA Volunteer spends time with the child on a weekly basis getting to know them while also gathering information from the child's family, teachers, caregivers, professionals on the case, and others involved in their life.



What is the Impact?

Children with a CASA Volunteer:

- Are twice as likely to find a safe, permanent home
- Get more help while in the system and receive more services like therapy or tutoring
- Have a consistent, positive adult presence in their life
- Do better in school and are more likely to graduate



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Become a CASA Volunteer Today!

Next Steps

1. Fill out our Volunteer Application
2. Attend an interview with a CASA staff member
3. Conduct Background Check Process
4. Start a Training Session



Training

Training covers a wide-range of topics and is meant for you to gain understanding on what a CASA Volunteer does and how CASA Volunteers advocate for their assigned child or children. During training you will observe court hearings, learn from current volunteers, read sample cases, and learn how to write a court report.

CASA is for you if:

- ✓ You are committed to advocating for the best interests of children
- ✓ You can be objective, unbiased, and have strong communication skills
- ✓ You have 10-15 hours per month available to work on your assigned case
- ✓ You are willing to complete 30-40 hours of initial training
- ✓ You can make an 18 month minimum commitment to a case
- ✓ You are 21 years of age or older

CASA is not for you if:

- ✗ You have any felony convictions or have a history of crimes against children
- ✗ You have misdemeanor convictions involving violence, drugs, or theft within the last 5 years
- ✗ You have current open criminal cases or are on probation/parole
- ✗ You have had an open Dependency & Neglect case against you
- ✗ You do not have reliable transportation and car insurance