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CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates

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What is CASA?

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that every abused and neglected child can be safe, establish permanence, and have the opportunity to thrive.

CASA is the only volunteer organization that empowers citizens as officers of the court.

In an overburdened social welfare system, abused and neglected children often slip through the cracks.

Appointed by judges, CASA volunteers typically handle one case at a time and commit to staying on the case until the child is placed in a safe, permanent home.

CASA volunteers provide the constant guidance a child needs to thrive. Sometimes they are the only constant in a child’s life.

What is the role of a CASA Advocate?

A CASA volunteer makes a one year minimum commitment to the program. They work approximately 6-10 hours per month engaged in the following volunteer activities:

Investigation

A CASA volunteer conducts an objective examination of the situation, including relevant history, the environment where the child is living, relationships and the needs of the child.

Facilitation

A CASA volunteer assists in the implementation of any plan prescribed by the court.

Advocacy

A CASA volunteer speaks up for the best interest of the child and appears in court hearings to offer testimony if requested.

Monitoring

A CASA volunteer monitors the orders of the court and advises changes that may require modification of the court order.

Complete the following and become a CASA Volunteer:

- A thorough interview and screening process with CASA program staff.
- A criminal background check and abuse registry check.
- A 30 hour pre-service training program tailored to suit volunteers’ schedules.

Benefits of Volunteering:

- Make a difference in the life and future of a child who has been a victim of abuse, abandonment, exploitation, and/or neglect.
- Help a child find permanency in a safe, loving home.
- Assist judges to obtain an accurate picture of a child’s life and better understand the child’s wants, needs, and desires.

Lift up a child’s voice. A child’s life.