

2007-08 Annual Report

Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.



"The CASA network has grown tremendously since its inception and it has been a joyful experience to be a part of the growth. The joy comes from knowing more children are being served by trained CASA volunteer advocates. More advocates mean more happy endings for our children."

Amanda B. Camp, Executive Director, Carroll County CASA



From the Leadership

Dear CASA supporters,

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of Georgia CASA in 1988. Twenty years ago, Karen N. Sibley, along with Kathie Gannon and Nicki Vaughan, had the vision of a volunteer program for Georgia that would provide a voice for children who had been removed from their homes and placed in foster care. They realized the need for these children to have someone speak up for them in court proceedings, ensuring their best interests were being heard and taken into consideration in court.

Three remarkable women set out to bring the CASA program to the state, and 20 years later, CASA is thriving, with Georgia CASA as the state office and 47 affiliate programs currently providing volunteer advocacy. During the past 20 years, 34,224* children have had a CASA volunteer standing beside them, helping them to find safe, permanent homes where they can thrive and have brighter futures. Citizens from the community who have a true passion and dedication to helping children have stepped up to serve as CASA volunteers, with 7,156* of them becoming CASA volunteers in Georgia over the past 20 years.

Today, CASA programs are present in 44 of the 49 judicial circuits in the state, with the Alapaha Judicial Circuit in South Georgia scheduled to open in fall 2008 as the 45th circuit with a CASA program. Of Georgia's 159 counties, 75% of them are served by CASA. The CASA organization in Georgia has certainly come a long way since its inception.

We continue to work to bring the CASA program to every single county in the state, while at the same time providing a high level of support to our affiliate programs. While giving autonomy to the affiliates, we help the CASA network in Georgia work together with the common goal of providing the highest level of quality advocacy for children involved in juvenile court deprivation proceedings.

The CASA organization is a vital component of the child welfare system, as evidenced by the strong legislative support for CASA when Georgia House Bill 270, which further clarified CASA's role and outlined the responsibilities and limitations of CASA volunteers in Georgia's law, was unanimously passed in March 2007. In keeping with the important role CASA has in the child welfare system, representatives from CASA have given input on the proposed rewrite of Georgia's model juvenile code. While the child welfare environment may be different from 20 years ago and evolves over time, CASA will keep its key role in the welfare of children as it has and will continue to adapt to changes in the system to ultimately ensure each child's best interests are being conveyed to the court.

As a supporter of CASA, there are several ways you can help us do more: make a charitable donation, consider becoming a CASA volunteer, tell your friends and family about CASA, and support Georgia CASA or an affiliate CASA program in your community through participation in events and fundraisers. With all of us working together and contributing in various ways, we can do our part in reaching Georgia CASA's vision – a safe and permanent home for each abused and neglected child involved in juvenile court proceedings.

Thank you for the difference you make!

Jack O. McMillan, Jr.
Board Chair

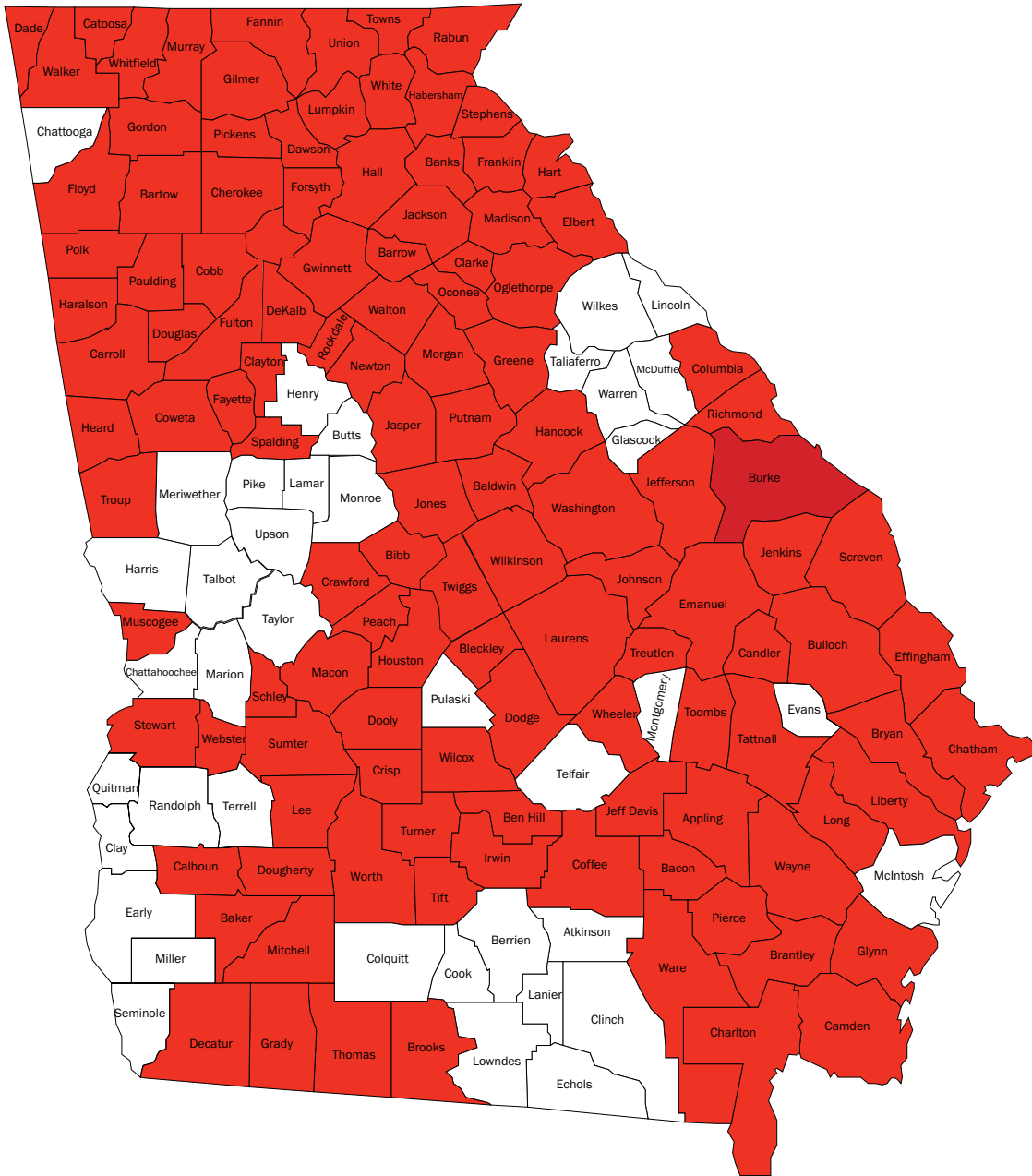
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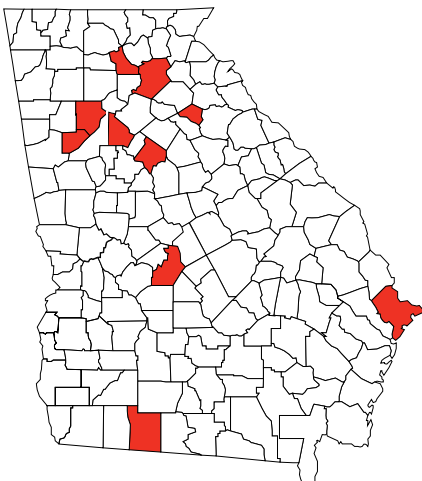
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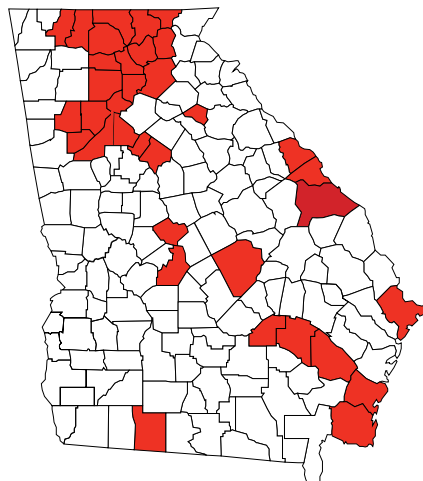
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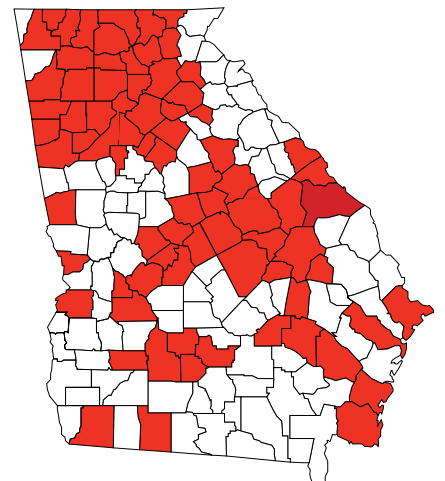
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Historical Highlights, 1988-2008

For 20 years, Georgia CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), a member of The National CASA Association, has developed and supported affiliate CASA programs throughout the state as they recruit, screen, train and supervise CASA volunteers. As community partners in the child welfare system, CASA volunteers increase abused, neglected and abandoned children's access to services, promote safety, and advocate for timeliness and permanency for children involved in juvenile court proceedings. CASA volunteers are independent advocates and provide individualized attention for children in a massive state system.

1988

- Kids of Georgia Need Volunteers, Inc. (KGNV) formed to establish volunteer Guardian ad Litem program in Georgia

1989



- First class of CASA volunteers sworn in, making Georgia the 46th state with an active CASA program
- Georgia General Assembly passed joint Senate House Resolution recognizing Georgia CASA

1990

- Georgia General Assembly appropriated funds for statewide expansion of CASA under public/private partnership
- Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae of Greater Atlanta selected CASA as one of their philanthropic beneficiaries

1992

- KGNV converted its independent, nonprofit status to Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.
- CASA programs transitioned to local governance and became affiliates of Georgia CASA

1993

- First Georgia CASA state conference with keynote address by Hon. Charles D. Gill, Connecticut Superior Court Judge and Founder of the National Task Force for Children's Constitutional Rights
- Council of Programs launched to further Georgia CASA's support of affiliate programs and to encourage quality and two-way communication

1996

- Georgia CASA implemented site visits to affiliate programs to verify compliance with standards and guidelines
- Statistical reports gathered from affiliate programs refined to better measure effectiveness of CASA

1998



- First *CASA at the Capitol Day*
- Georgia General Assembly included 'court appointed special advocates' in the law to be assigned alone or with an attorney in advocating for the best interests of children in juvenile court deprivation proceedings

"The recipe of the success of CASA volunteers in Georgia, as everywhere, is no secret. It's composed of equal parts of great training, professional support, hard work, and the amazing persistence and dedication of our volunteers as they advocate for abused and neglected children."

Michael S. Piraino, Chief Executive Officer, National CASA Association

Historical Highlights, 1988-2008



1998, continued



Picture: 2001

- Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae of Greater Atlanta's first playhouse fundraiser (Casas for CASA); held four consecutive years and raised over \$80,000

1999

- Georgia became fourth state in nation to establish statewide CASA/DFCS (Division of Family & Children Services) protocol



- Mrs. Marie Barnes, Georgia's First Lady, became Honorary Chairperson of Georgia CASA

2002

- Georgia CASA performance improvement study conducted by Applied Research Services; results used to strengthen affiliate programs, better serve children, prepare for program expansion and collect necessary data to measure success of CASA

2004

- Two-year statewide volunteer recruitment campaign launched with billboards, radio PSAs (public service announcements) and newspapers ads
- Formation of Metro Atlanta CASA Collaborative (Georgia CASA and affiliate programs in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton and Gwinnett counties)

2005

- Georgia CASA received Above & Beyond Award from Promoting Safe & Stable Families Program of Georgia Department of Human Resources



Picture: 2008

- First annual Georgia CASA Luncheon & Fashion Show

2006

- Georgia CASA received the Child Advocacy Organization Award from the Juvenile Law Committee of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia

2007

- House Bill 270 passed, which clarified the advocacy role of CASA and outlined the responsibilities and limitations of CASA volunteers

2008

- 20th anniversary of CASA in Georgia

"I hold these volunteers in very high regard...They are dedicated to making the lives of children better - and that's what it's all about."

The Honorable Sandra W. Miller, Chief Judge, Paulding County (Georgia) Juvenile Court



The Founding of Georgia CASA

Georgia CASA was founded 20 years ago, in 1988, by Karen N. Sibley, along with co-founders Kathie Gannon and Nicki Vaughan. Take a journey, beginning 20 years ago, as the three founders share their recollections and experiences with Georgia CASA as well as their future hopes for the CASA organization.



Karen N. Sibley, Founder of Georgia CASA



Kathie Gannon, Co-Founder of Georgia CASA



Nicki Vaughan, Co-Founder of Georgia CASA

What peaked your interest in child welfare?

Sibley: When I was a child, my grandmother would visit poor mountain families on Sunday afternoons. She would take me along with her. That is really when my interest in the welfare of children began.

Gannon: I started out as a foster care caseworker in Fulton County. I then went back to school to earn a MSW [Masters of Social Work degree] and began working with the start-up of the Judicial Foster Care Review Boards, which were piloted in Fulton County before going statewide. This was at a time when permanency planning and CASA were just starting.

Vaughan: I used to be a caseworker in Fulton County, with Kathie Gannon. I was also involved in numerous volunteer child advocacy efforts as a board member and helped start the group homes now known as CHRIS Kids. Both Kathie and I wanted to become more focused on one effort, and CASA became that effort.

How did you learn about CASA?

Sibley: In the 1980s, I served on the National Commission on Foster Care and Adoption. One of the meetings I attended as part of the Commission was in Seattle, Washington, where the CASA program was founded. I learned about CASA at the Seattle meeting.

Gannon: I was a fellow board member with Karen Sibley [and Nicki Vaughan] for a nonprofit child advocacy organization in Atlanta. Karen Sibley told me about CASA after her trip to Seattle.

Vaughan: I learned about CASA from Karen Sibley.

The Founding of Georgia CASA



What are some items that stand out to you about the founding of Georgia CASA in 1988?

Sibley: The Junior League of Atlanta and the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation were the first funders to support Georgia CASA. Judge Girardeau of Gainesville was the first judge who was willing to try the CASA program in his court.

Gannon: We first met at a Waffle House to strategize on funding and start-up activities and later secured an in-kind contribution of a place with an address and telephone. Some of our first funding was used to start the CASA programs in Hall and Newton counties, whose judges were very knowledgeable about and interested in CASA. Nicki [Vaughan] and I commuted to each county as program directors. In 1989, Chief Justice Thomas Marshall swore in the first CASA volunteers.

Vaughan: Attending the National CASA Association's annual conference, made possible with funding from the Junior League of Atlanta, really inspired Kathie [Gannon] and me to commit ourselves to trying to develop CASA in Georgia.

Over the past 20 years, what are some of the changes you've seen in child welfare?

Sibley: During this time, I've seen many more people in the community who are interested in child welfare. There has been more publicity, so more children have been identified as needing assistance and more child welfare services have become available as well as more volunteers being utilized. I've also noticed that the rate of violence has increased and the attention given to child welfare varies from one government administration to another.

Vaughan: Substance abuse by parents is a large problem and is often the cause of more children coming into the foster care system. Also, many more grandparents are raising their grandchildren now. As it was 20 years ago, it still stands true that if the needs of deprived children are not adequately met, they become delinquent youth and then become adult criminals filling our prisons.

How have you seen the CASA organization being instrumental in the child welfare system?

Vaughan: The CASA program, particularly the program in the circuit where I practice law [Northeastern Judicial Circuit], has made a huge contribution in providing advocacy for children. As an attorney, I may not always agree with a CASA volunteer's opinions, but I respect and appreciate the CASA role in helping to give the court a more complete idea of the many aspects of family situations.

This marks the 20th year of CASA in Georgia. What would you like to say about the anniversary and/or the future as CASA continues its work?

Sibley: The CASA organization should continue to stick to what it does - advocating for children in court, including advocacy for more services for them. We should continue CASA's rigorous volunteer training, which also serves as a great screening tool.

Gannon: CASA, both statewide and nationally, has remained a shining light for many children in the child welfare system. Its message and mission of speaking up for one child at a time is very powerful. The power of one person helping one child is too great to really be measured. It is a shame, but CASA is needed now more than ever. The problems children and families face today are even more severe than in 1988. Thanks to all who continue to make CASA in Georgia a strong and viable program!

Vaughan: It overwhelms me to see the work CASA staff and volunteers have done in the past 20 years so that now CASA almost covers the entire state! We need to assure that CASA's volunteer training continues to focus on being realistic in teaching volunteers how to work with children and families so they know that situations may not always be ideal - or like their own families - but that the primary focus is what is in the best interest for each child.

Karen N. Sibley is a community volunteer who serves as a Life Board Member of Georgia CASA. Kathie Gannon was elected as a County Commissioner in DeKalb County, Georgia, in 2004, and currently serves in that role. Nicki Vaughan, also a Life Board Member, currently works as a public defender in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit in Georgia.



The Year in Review, 2007-08

Program Development

- Thomas County CASA expanded to Brooks County.
- CASA of the Northern Judicial Circuit expanded to Madison and Oglethorpe counties.

47 affiliate programs served 120 counties, in 44 of 49 judicial circuits, for the year. 1,874 CASA volunteers advocated for 8,763 children throughout the state.

Legislative

• *CASA and Foster Youth Day at the Capitol* was held on February 12, 2008. A CASA Proclamation was issued for the day by the Governor and presented by Jen Bennecke, Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children and Families. The keynote speaker was The Honorable Steven C. Teske, Juvenile Court Judge in Clayton County, who motivated the CASA volunteers, board members, staff members and foster youth in attendance to speak compellingly to their legislators about child welfare issues. About 50 legislators attended a luncheon in their honor as the event came to a close.



CASA group gathered on the Capitol steps in Atlanta prior to meeting with legislators at the 2008 CASA and Foster Youth Day at the Capitol event

- Georgia CASA supported Georgia House Bill 1040, which grants jurisdiction to juvenile courts to appoint a permanent guardian for a deprived child under certain circumstances.
- Georgia CASA also supported extending Medicaid benefits for foster youth in Georgia until age 21.
- A group of 20 CASA volunteers and staff participated in *CASA Meets Congress* on June 10, 2008, in Washington, D.C., as part of The National CASA Association's conference. They met with federal legislators and/or staff from Georgia about CASA and funding for child welfare.

Pictured below: portrait for Luncheon & Fashion Show event and Joyce Honeyman, Theta featured speaker at the event



Fundraising

- The three-year, \$3.6 million capacity building campaign of Georgia CASA continued, with over \$2 million pledged.
- As a prelude to the Georgia CASA Luncheon & Fashion Show, CASA supporters attended a preview party, hosted by a Gentlemen's Committee, at the Atlanta home of Paul and Jean Dukes on February 28, 2008. A pastel portrait for the Luncheon & Fashion Show was unveiled, created by Elsa Sibley, daughter of Georgia CASA founder Karen N. Sibley.
- The fourth annual Georgia CASA Luncheon & Fashion Show was on March 12, 2008, at Maggiano's in Buckhead. The sold-out event honored the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, with special honorees Peggy Jones, Roses Longino and Nancy Wood. The featured speaker was Joyce Honeyman, National Kappa Alpha Theta Liaison to CASA. Attendees enjoyed fashions from several Buckhead boutiques and had the opportunity to win seven raffle packages. Celebrity models were media personalities Holly Firfer, Kay Flowers and Dr. Sanjay Gupta. Ted Hall of WXIA-TV was emcee.

The Year in Review, 2007-08



Program Operations & Training

- Georgia CASA rolled out an enhanced Intranet site for its affiliate programs which includes in-depth information and resources on all aspects of program management and operations. The site is in addition to technical assistance provided to affiliate programs, either on-site or via phone/email.

- Trainings offered to affiliate programs throughout the year included the following:

Council of Programs (director meetings)	New affiliate program director orientations
Trainings of the Facilitator	Regional trainings on the newest edition of the National
Volunteer Supervisor Trainings	CASA volunteer training curriculum

- The Georgia CASA state conference was held on April 26, 2008, in Atlanta. The theme was *Continuing the Journey, Celebrating 20 Years of CASA in Georgia*. Over 400 attendees heard Michael Piraino, CEO of The National CASA Association and keynote speaker, highlight the efforts of CASA volunteers nationwide. Twenty-one dynamic workshops were held for attendees to enhance their skills in working with the children CASA serves. Awards were given to the 2007 CASA Volunteer of the Year and to three affiliate programs.



Cory Buckley (Hall-Dawson CASA), Carla Cannon (2007 Volunteer of the Year), Michael Piraino (National CASA), Connie Stephens (Hall-Dawson CASA) and Duaine Hathaway (Georgia CASA)



Ocmulgee CASA received the Innovative Program Award of Excellence

CASA of Paulding County received the Established Program Award of Excellence



South Central CASA received the Emerging Program Award of Excellence



Communications & Volunteer Recruitment

- For the second year, during fall 2007, Georgia CASA coordinated a volunteer recruitment campaign for the Metro Atlanta CASA Collaborative (Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton & Gwinnett counties). Inquiries from potential volunteers increased by 260% during the campaign. A metro CASA volunteer training class, in addition to four local program trainings, was also held due to the high response rate for the campaign. Fifty new CASA volunteers, who initially inquired as a result of the campaign, were sworn in during the fall.

- Georgia CASA continued to distribute its quarterly e-newsletter, the *CASA Online Connector*, to over 4,500 people. Each issue included highlights from affiliate programs, child abuse and neglect topics, upcoming events and donors for the quarter.

- As part of the 20th anniversary celebration of CASA in Georgia, new exhibit screens, a new general brochure and a new PowerPoint presentation template for affiliate programs were designed. A series of 12 monthly articles, shining a spotlight on the unique qualities of CASA advocacy and the people that make it possible, debuted at the Georgia CASA state conference (and will continue throughout the following year).



Two of Georgia CASA's new exhibit screens, created in conjunction with the 20th anniversary of CASA in Georgia



Features from Celebration Articles

In celebration of 20 years of CASA in Georgia, a year-long series of twelve articles from Georgia CASA was released. The articles shine a spotlight on the unique qualities of CASA advocacy and the people that make it possible.

Included below are various excerpts from several of the articles, written by CASA directors, staff and volunteers.

Journey of CASA Volunteers

In a volunteer training class, you might meet a nurse, grandfather, real estate agent, student, survivor of abuse, small business owner, attorney or retired teacher. If you ask volunteers about their initial involvement, you'll hear them talk about wanting to make a difference, their love for children, or a desire to give back to their community. What all volunteers come to share is a deep appreciation for what children can and do overcome, a great understanding and respect for adversity and resiliency, and an intimate knowledge of how parents, caregivers, and society treat children.



The 20-year journey of CASA in Georgia has had the support of many people and organizations including juvenile court judges, child welfare professionals, legislators and funders. But without the dedication, diligence and compassion of thousands of former, current and future volunteers, Georgia would not be able to celebrate the collective achievements or envision a future in which all children have a volunteer advocate.

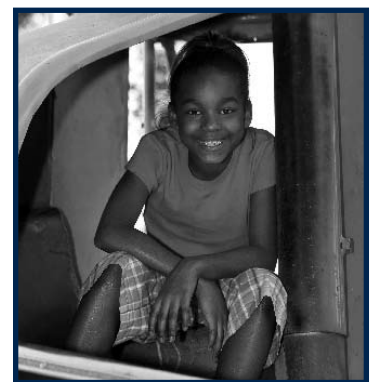
Bringing a Sense of Urgency in Advocating for Children

"I find peace knowing I'm going to bat for these children," said Pat Mann, who was removed from her home when she was eight years old as a result of deprivation. "Hopefully, the insight I bring and the research I gather will help me understand what the child is feeling and what the child needs."

Mann, and almost 2,000 other CASA volunteers across Georgia, take the information they gather through their investigations and provide comprehensive, objective reports to the juvenile courts so judges have the information necessary to make decisions with the best interests of each child in mind. CASAs work tirelessly to involve and engage the courts, social services and community service providers and to ensure the child's individual needs are addressed through appropriate placement, services and ultimately a permanent home.

Providing Individualized Attention to Children

The opportunity to provide individualized attention enhances the CASA volunteer's ability to observe and analyze the many facets of the child's situation and the dynamics of the child's family. The 40-hour pre-service training, coupled with the annual in-service training requirements, imparts to the CASA volunteers the importance of being vigilant and responsive—even to seemingly trivial matters, as these issues are often perceived by the child as being monumental.



Promoting Safety, Permanency and Well-Being of Children

On an average day in Georgia, almost 13,000 children are in the legal custody of the State. These are children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care because their parents can't – or won't – take care of them. Nationwide, over 500,000 children are in foster care. Just think – CASA volunteers have the opportunity to ensure a child's safety and well-being are being protected. And above all, they advocate for a permanent and stable family to bring a brighter future to each child. Every time I get melancholy over a child's situation, I remember this and become further motivated in my work as a CASA volunteer.

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Thank you for supporting CASA and our work in advocating for safe, permanent homes
for Georgia's abused, neglected and abandoned children!*

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*"When I didn't think things were going to happen, my CASA volunteer made those things happen. She spoke up for me both in and out of court.
My CASA is the reason I'm able to see my family now and the reason I made it through the harsh battles I've been through the past 1 1/2 years."*

Codey, CASA Foster Youth in Georgia



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Nancy Wood, Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta and Georgia CASA Board Life Member

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"CASA has helped so many kids that are in broken, dysfunctional homes. Being a CASA volunteer is very rewarding, such as when I heard the voice and saw the smile of a 10 year old boy (whose mother had died and whose father could not raise him) as he called his new adoptive parents, that I was able to find, mom and dad."

Carla Cannon, 2007 CASA Volunteer of the Year, Hall-Dawson CASA Program, Inc.



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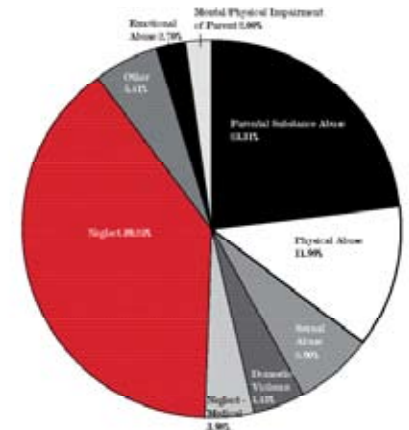
Amanda Morgan, DFCS Resgton 2 Director and Georgia CASA Board Member

Report of Affiliate Programs

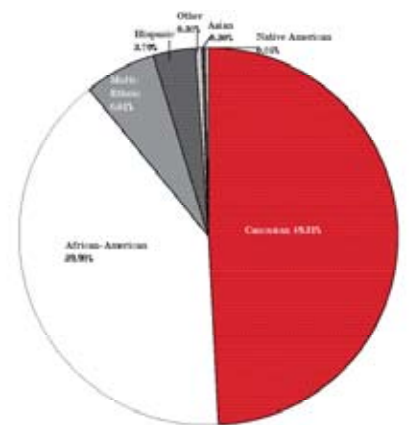


Program	Children Served	New Children	Closed Children	Active Children	CASAs
Advo-Kids	52	30	22	35	21
Alcovy	114	57	26	92	41
Appalachian	215	48	76	137	46
Athens-Oconee	151	70	77	76	69
Atlantic	106	55	34	72	23
Augusta	404	161	181	224	42
Bartow	256	92	70	186	63
Camden	66	29	19	47	26
Carroll	167	77	48	119	53
CASA for Children	250	81	114	136	63
Central Georgia	272	59	79	196	51
Chattahoochee	185	43	--	185	14
Children's Voice	130	39	34	96	45
Clayton	770	363	325	444	104
Coastal Plain	133	48	35	98	33
Cobb	434	252	259	191	73
Coweta	133	28	75	64	36
DeKalb	149	34	53	96	69
Dougherty*	--	--	--	--	--
Enotah	209	48	39	169	33
Floyd	66	28	19	47	16
Forsyth	176	70	75	87	49
Fulton	336	137	95	237	111
GSW	135	59	90	59	20
Glynn	273	136	140	206	48
Gordon	51	41	15	51	7
Gwinnett	99	31	33	63	25
Hall-Dawson	374	113	130	247	128
Houston	100	57	42	58	35
Lookout Mountain	119	45	45	70	18
Mountain	188	71	89	99	41
Murray/Whitfield	67	36	39	28	19
Northern	54	36	7	44	16
Ocmulgee	221	75	87	134	55
Ogeechee	36	3	14	22	12
Paulding	274	96	106	168	51
Piedmont	93	50	35	60	32
Polk & Haralson	70	32	23	45	16
Rockdale	202	86	67	136	51
S.A.F.E.	27	6	1	12	5
Savannah/Chatham	604	257	212	366	103
South Central	218	149	125	93	21
Southwest Georgia	60	7	44	16	3
TLC	334	145	220	114	25
Thomas	99	17	13	69	16
Tri-County	118	32	27	91	20
Troup & Heard	173	32	54	119	26
	8,763**	3,461	3,413	5,404	1,874

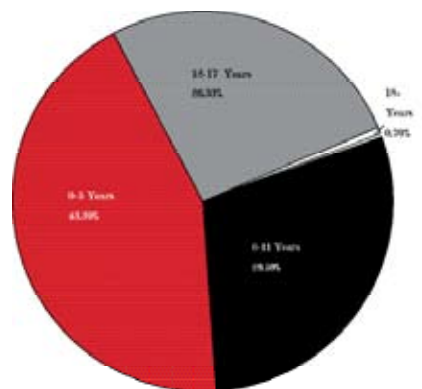
Types of Deprivation



Ethnic Background



Ages



*Program in transition during year

**7,521 children were in the legal custody of the state; pie charts include statistics for only those children



Affiliate Programs

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Advo-Kids CASA, Inc. Estb. 2005-06

Fayette & Spalding Counties
Tammi Barnett, Executive Director

Alcovy CASA Program Estb. 1989-90

Newton & Walton Counties
Jim Killman, Executive Director

Athens-Oconee CASA Program, Inc. Estb. 1990-91

Clarke & Oconee Counties
Christian Orobello, Executive Director, CEO

Atlantic Area CASA, Inc. Estb. 1998-99

Bryan, Liberty, Long & Tattnall Counties
Irene McCall, Executive Director

Bartow County CASA Estb. 2000-01

Program of Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc.
Bartow County
Ava Lipscomb, Program Director

Camden County CASA Program, Inc. Estb. 1996-97

Camden County
Jessica Parkes, Executive Director

Carroll County CASA, Inc. Estb. 1998-99

Carroll County
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CASA of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit Estb. 1992-93

Fannin, Gilmer & Pickens Counties
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Program of Child Enrichment, Inc.
Burke, Columbia & Richmond Counties
Monique Brabham, Program Director

CASA for Children, Inc. Estb. 1992-93

Cherokee County
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CASA of Forsyth County, Inc. Estb. 1992-93

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CASA of the Northern Judicial Circuit, Inc. Estb. 2005-06

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Bulloch, Effingham, Jenkins & Screven Counties
Carolyn Fields, Director

CASA of Paulding County, Inc. Estb. 1995-96

Paulding County
Martha Carver, Executive Director

CASA of Polk & Haralson Counties, Inc. Estb. 1995-96

Polk & Haralson Counties
Andrell Turner, Administrative Director

CASA of Southwest Georgia, Inc. Estb. 1997-98

Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Grady & Mitchell Counties
Dan Provence, Executive Director

CASA of Troup and Heard Counties, Inc. Estb. 1997-98

Heard & Troup Counties
June Nelson, Interim Executive Director

Central Georgia CASA, Inc. Estb. 1996-97

Bibb, Crawford & Peach Counties
Tracy Willis-Kight, Executive Director

Chattahoochee CASA Estb. 1997-98

Program of Urban League of Greater Columbus, Inc.
Muscookee County
Mattie Hall, Program Director

Children's Voice: CASA, Inc. Estb. 1991-92

Douglas County
Dawn West, Executive Director

Clayton County CASA Estb. 1997-98

Program of Clayton County Juvenile Court
Clayton County
Gerald Bostock, Program Coordinator

Coastal Plain CASA, Inc. Estb. 1999-2000

Irwin, Tift, Turner & Worth Counties
Greg Millette, Executive Director

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Coweta CASA, Inc. Estb. 2003-04

Coweta County
Traci Corne, Executive Director

DeKalb County CASA Program Estb. 1990-91

Program of Child Advocate Network, Inc.
DeKalb County
Marian Parker, Interim Executive Director

Dougherty CASA Estb. 2001-02

Program of The Lily Pad SANE Center, Inc.
Dougherty County
Stephanie Davidson, Program Director

Enotah CASA, Inc. Estb. 1993-94

Lumpkin, Towns, Union & White Counties
Susan Zealy, Executive Director

Floyd County CASA Program Estb. 1998-99

Program of Northwest GA Child Advocacy Center, Inc.
Floyd County
Sue Lagermann, Program Coordinator

Fulton County CASA, Inc. Estb. 1994-95

Fulton County
Iris Thomas Ross, Executive Director

GSW CASA, Inc. Estb. 2001-02

Lee, Macon, Schley, Stewart, Sumter & Webster Counties
Brad Ray, Executive Director

Gordon County CASA Program Estb. 1998-99

Program of Gordon County Juvenile Court
Gordon County
Ann Pitts, Program Coordinator

Gwinnett County CASA Estb. 2001-02

Program of Juvenile Court of Gwinnett County
Gwinnett County
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Hall-Dawson CASA Program, Inc. Estb. 1988-89

Dawson & Hall Counties
Connie Stephens, Executive Director

Juvenile Court of Cobb County/CASA Estb. 1990-91

Cobb County
Carlene Redmond, Program Coordinator

Lookout Mountain CASA Estb. 1999-2000

Program of Child Advocacy Center of the Judicial Circuit
Catoosa, Dade & Walker Counties
Carleena Angwin, Director

Mountain Circuit CASA, Inc. Estb. 2003-04

Habersham, Rabun & Stephens Counties
Melissa Mitchell, Executive Director

Murray/Whitfield CASA Program Estb. 1995-96

Program of Family Support Council, Inc.
Murray & Whitfield Counties
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Ocmulgee CASA, Inc. Estb. 1997-98

Balwin, Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Jones, Morgan,
Putnam & Wilkinson Counties
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Piedmont CASA, Inc. Estb. 1999-2000

Banks, Barrow & Jackson Counties
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Rockdale CASA, Inc. Estb. 1995-96

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S.A.F.E. CASA, Inc. Estb. 2006-07

Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Coffee, Pierce & Ware Counties
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Savannah/Chatham County CASA, Inc. Estb. 1990-91

Chatham County
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South Central CASA, Inc. Estb. 2006-07

Ben Hill, Crisp, Dooly & Wilcox Counties
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TLC CASA Program, Inc. Estb. 1994-95

Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Jefferson,
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Washington & Wheeler Counties
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Thomas County CASA, Inc. Estb. 1990-91

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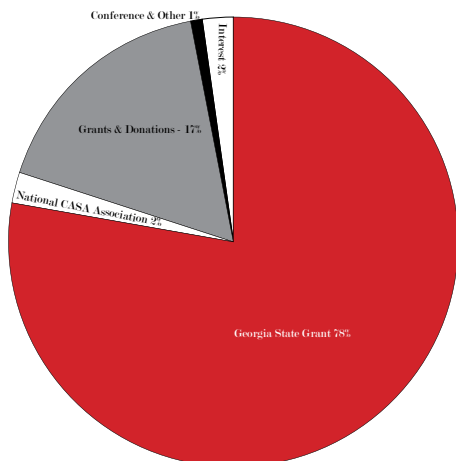
Appling, Jeff Davis & Wayne Counties
Denise Graham, Executive Director



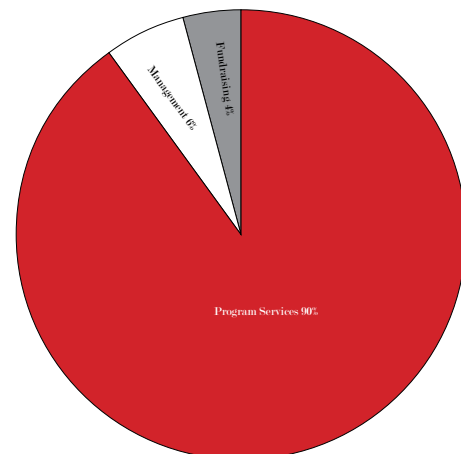
Financial Information

June 30, 2008 and 2007

<i>ASSETS</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Current assets</i>		
Cash	\$ 902,626	\$ 966,210
Receivables from governmental agencies	510,188	428,168
Promises to give	<u>142,133</u>	<u>662,874</u>
<i>Total current assets</i>	<i>1,554,947</i>	<i>2,0657,252</i>
Long-term promises to give	82,209	131,460
Office equipment	75,666	75,666
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(74,188)</u>	<u>(72,326)</u>
Net equipment	<u>1,478</u>	<u>3,340</u>
<i>Total assets</i>	<u><u>\$ 1,638,634</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,192,052</u></u>
 <i>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</i>		
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Accounts payable	\$ 47,609	\$ 332,787
Accrued expenses	<u>6,832</u>	<u>15,427</u>
<i>Total liabilities</i>	<i>54,441</i>	<i>348,214</i>
<i>Net assets</i>		
Unrestricted	1,204,646	960,504
Temporarily restricted	<u>379,547</u>	<u>883,334</u>
<i>Total net assets</i>	<u><u>1,584,193</u></u>	<u><u>1,843,838</u></u>
<i>Total liabilities and net assets</i>	<u><u>\$ 1,638,634</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,192,052</u></u>



Revenues



Expenses

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"Helping abused, neglected and abandoned children is a difficult task made easier by the network and support of CASA in Georgia. From the brand new CASA volunteer to the Georgia CASA office and the National CASA Association, everyone is available to help in anyway possible. It's so nice to be able to call a CASA director from across the state to help figure out a problem or learn about what works for a particular program. I've been impressed with the support I've received from my 'CASA family' since my start with CASA of Paulding County 13 years ago. I am very proud to be a part of CASA."

Martha Carver, Executive Director, CASA of Paulding County, Inc.

"Never underestimate your contribution to CASA as a volunteer, board member, donor or general supporter. You will help break the cycle of abuse and neglect for future generations, which will have a lasting impact on our society."

Connie Stephens, Executive Director, Hall-Dawson CASA Program



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