



I am for the child

For consideration:

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained community volunteer who is appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interests of an abused or neglected child involved in juvenile court dependency proceedings.

The CASA volunteer gathers information about the child's situation, attends court proceedings and makes a recommendation to the judge so that the judge has the information to make a decision about the child's future.

A CASA volunteer protects a child's right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the safe embrace of a loving family.

Qualifications:

- Sincere care for the well-being of children
- At least 21 years of age
- Pass criminal background checks
- Good verbal & written communication skills

- Ability to be objective & non-judgmental
- Available to attend all court hearings
- Commitment to CASA program for at least 1 year or preferably until case is resolved

How to become a CASA:

- Complete an application, including 4 personal and professional references
- Undergo criminal background checks
- Be interviewed by a CASA staff person
- Complete 40 hours of training
- Be sworn-in by a judge

Benefits of being a CASA:

As a CASA volunteer, you will ultimately help to change a child's life for a brighter future. You can help to end the cycle of abuse and neglect. Among many other benefits, you will have an opportunity to learn about the juvenile court system and become actively involved in your community.

TO GET STARTED

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