



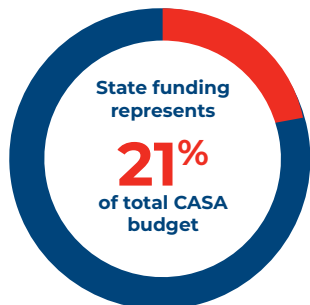
Over 55% of children in state custody & an additional 500 children at-risk entering state custody are paired with a CASA volunteer

2,700+ CASA volunteers currently advocate for children in foster care

800 - 1,000 new CASA volunteers trained annually

3,000+ advocates comprise the statewide CASA network including volunteers, staff & board members

State funding for CASA in Georgia
\$3,650,000



Total budget for CASA in Georgia
\$17,000,000 (approx.)

Georgia CASA

FY2023 State Funding Budget Request

\$200,000

Recognizes increases in foster care population, children served, or service-area expansion - \$164,000

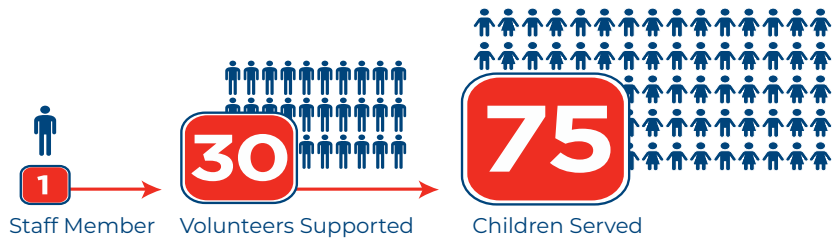
Restores FY20 reduction to state CASA network administration - \$36,000

Last year, 60% of CASA affiliates experienced a growth in children served, an increase in overall number of children in foster care, or an expansion in geographic service areas.

Every CASA affiliate's state funding allocation has been held constant for three years. Each year, CASA affiliates serve a greater percentage of children in foster care, especially responsive to new entries.

CASA Advocacy Model:

Citizen volunteers supported by an experienced & knowledgeable staff member offering individualized attention & best interests advocacy



Juvenile court judges appoint CASA volunteers as lay Guardians ad Litem to offer critical, first-hand information to the court and parties and impartially make and zealously advocate for best-interest recommendations.

CASA volunteers remain one of the few consistent individuals in the lives of children despite placement and school moves, DFCS staffing changes, and other significant adjustments.

