



# Georgia CASA FY 2024

## State Budget Request

Investment in  
CASA Advocacy

**\$2,750,000**  
Investment Goal

Serve  
**75%**  
of Children in Foster Care

Recruit/Train  
**1,000**  
Volunteers

Advocate  
**3,000**  
Additional Children

## I. Add Staff in Critical High-Need Areas - \$2,000,000

### Targeted areas:

- Experience highest rates of foster care entries
- Have more than 300 children without a CASA advocate

- Contain 7 affiliates serving 28 counties and nearly 5,000 children (30% of total children in foster care)
- Need 40 paid staff positions to support additional 1,000 volunteers

### Need categories:

#### Accelerated Volunteer Engagement

Augusta & Columbus Areas

##### Augusta Area

- 811 children in care
- 53% without CASA advocate
- 6 new staff

##### Columbus Area

- 558 children in care
- 67% without CASA advocate
- 4 new staff

#### Extreme Need

Waycross & Lookout Mountain

##### Lookout Mountain

- 494 children in care
- 88% without CASA advocate
- 5 new staff

##### Waycross Area

- 821 children in care
- 66% without CASA advocate
- 6 new staff

#### Sheer Volume

Dekalb

##### Dekalb

- 838 children in care
- 35% without CASA advocate
- 4 new staff

#### Expansion in Untapped Areas

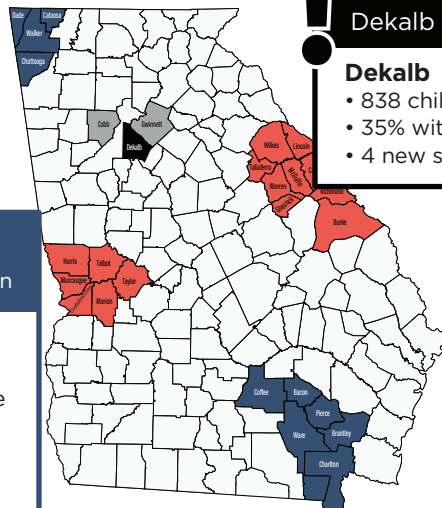
Gwinnett & Cobb

##### Gwinnett

- 604 children in care
- 92% without CASA advocate
- 7 new staff

##### Cobb

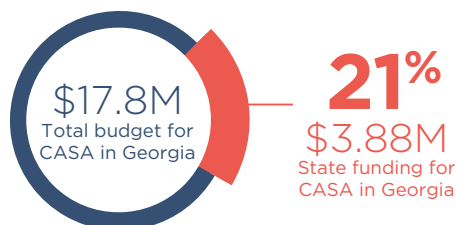
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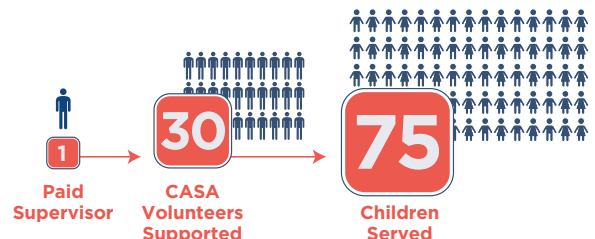
## II. Expand Network Growth & Sustained Service - \$750,000

- Increase affiliate service levels to address heightened demand and volunteer availability
- Continue coordinated training, statewide recruitment, screening, and quality assurance efforts

### CASA maximizes resources:



### CASA model:



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