

CASA DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Show Appreciation & Seek Support for FY 2024 Budget-Increase Request

- Legislative support has resulted in a strong foundation for CASA advocacy in all parts of the state.
- Increased funding has enabled CASA affiliates to:
 - Recruit, screen, train, and empower additional community volunteers to advocate for more children in state custody; and
 - Attract and retain highly committed and qualified local staff members, who are skilled and experienced in supporting volunteers.
- Share Georgia CASA's request for \$2.75 million to add staff in critical high-needs areas and to sustain network growth and expanded service. (See flyer for additional details).

Share CASA's Momentum & Engage Legislators in the CASA Network

- Discuss current happenings and share recent achievements from your local affiliate.
- Offer to be a resource about CASA or child welfare issues as the session progresses.
- Invite your legislator to attend your next event, swearing-in ceremony, training, or to observe court.
- Ask legislators to spread the word about CASA within the district at their faith-based, civic, or professional associations or clubs and within their other circles.
- Share a CASA recruitment message for their constituent newsletter or social media profile.
- Take a photo or screen shot (if meeting virtually) with your legislator and share on social media.

Bring Attention to Needs of Children & Families

- Highlight issues that impact children and families in your area. The following list is included to provide possible suggestions for discussion.
 - Placement stability, permanency, and normalcy efforts for children in foster care
 - Foster parent and kinship caregiver support
 - Substance use treatment services
 - Mental health for children and youth in care and their parents
 - Quality legal representation for children and parents in dependency proceedings



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