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Hall-Dawson CASA Receives Established Program Award of Excellence from Georgia CASA

Atlanta, Georgia, August 25, 2026 – Hall-Dawson CASA has received the 2026 Established Program Award of Excellence from Georgia CASA. The award was officially received at the Georgia CASA Conference in Atlanta on August 22nd.

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. Since 1989, Hall-Dawson CASA has been one of Georgia's founding CASA affiliate programs, delivering consistent, high-quality best-interest advocacy for children in foster care. In 2025, under intentional leadership direction, Hall-Dawson CASA served 387 children in Hall and Dawson counties with 99 dedicated CASA volunteers, achieving a 92% permanency outcome on children's cases and 89% case continuity with the same CASA volunteer from start to finish.

Recognizing that strong outcomes depend on a stable volunteer base, Hall-Dawson CASA made a strategic, program-wide investment in volunteer connection and retention. This included a structured training series, "CASA Fundamentals," reaching an average of 44 volunteers per session between in-person and recorded formats; monthly "CASA Connect" peer sessions, with 52 volunteers participating to date; and informal small-group lunches that deepened relationships and reduced isolation.

The results speak for themselves: retention climbed from 81.1% in 2022 to 90.5% in 2025. That strengthened volunteer base supports the affiliate program's growing capacity year over year, including managing the emergency reassignment of 41 children in a single month, while building deeper, more trusted relationships across the court system and community partners it serves.

Georgia CASA is honored to present Hall-Dawson CASA with the 2026 Established Program Award of Excellence.

About Georgia CASA: Forty-seven affiliate CASA programs, serving all 159 counties in the state, have been established since Georgia CASA was founded in 1988. Each affiliate CASA program engages the community to train volunteer advocates. Volunteers are everyday citizens who offer individualized attention and best-interest advocacy for children in foster care. The CASA organization is the only model of this kind, built around one child and one compassionate, highly trained adult advocate. For more information about Georgia CASA or to find an affiliate program near you, visit <https://www.gacasa.org/>. For more information about Hall-Dawson CASA, visit <http://www.halldawsoncasa.org>.

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