



# Become a CASA Volunteer

A **Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** is a trained community volunteer appointed by a judge to provide individualized attention and advocate for the best interests of children in foster care. CASA volunteers are everyday heroes who come from all walks of life and serve as the eyes and ears of the court.

## CASA volunteers:

- Establish a one-on-one relationship with a child in foster care
- Gather information about the child's situation and unique history
- Ensure the child has access to necessary services
- Attend juvenile court proceedings
- Make a recommendation to the judge about what's in the child's best interests

## To become a CASA volunteer:

- Submit an application with references
- Be interviewed by a CASA staff person
- Complete the required training
- Be sworn in by a judge

## To qualify, volunteers must:

- Sincerely care for the well-being of children
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Pass criminal background checks
- Have good verbal & written communication skills
- Have the ability to be objective & non-judgmental
- Be available to attend all court hearings
- Commit until the case is resolved (approx. 12-18 months with average of 5-10 hours per month)



As a **CASA volunteer**, you can make a difference in your community by giving a child hope for a brighter childhood and future.

Equal Opportunity: The CASA program implements the principle of equal opportunity, and as such takes affirmative action to ensure that discrimination does not occur on the basis of race, creed, color, age, sex, national origin, familial status, sexual orientation, religious or political affiliation, disability, or any other classification considered discriminatory under applicable law.