

CASA Defined

A volunteer **Court Appointed Special Advocate** provides a judge or commissioner with carefully researched information about the child's situation to help the court make a sound decision about the child's future. CASA's advocate for the best interests of the child by keeping all parties focused on the child's health, safety, and well-being. CASA volunteers are the consistent and powerful voice for the child during complex legal proceedings.

A CASA Volunteer:

- Devotes approximately 5-15 hours per month to each child's case
- Objectively investigates the circumstances of the case
- Interviews parents, foster parents, family members, social workers, teachers, health care professionals, therapists and the child
- Maintains confidentiality of all information
- Makes recommendations to the court on appropriate services and placement for the child
- Monitors court ordered services
- Advocates in the child's best interest to ensure that he or she is receiving needed services
- Stays with the child's case until it is permanently resolved.

