



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

**JOHNSON & WYANDOTTE
COUNTIES**

MISSION

To provide a meaningful voice and connection that instills hope and builds resilience for children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

VISION

To create a community where every child who has experienced abuse and neglect is given the opportunity to thrive.

IMPACT



48% of children living in out-of-home placements in Johnson & Wyandotte Counties have a CASA.



5,754 children have been served since 1985.



98% of children had the same CASA advocate throughout their court involvement.

ADVOCACY PROGRAM

- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA's) are appointed by the judges in each county to advocate for the best interests of a child or children.
- CASA's meet with the child or children on a regular basis, consult with professionals, including the foster care worker, attorneys, and schools, as well as gather information from family members and foster placements.
- CASA's then make recommendations to the judge in the form of a court report based on their observations and information gathered.
- CASA's spend an average of 10-12 hours per month on their case work.

To become an Advocate:

- Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.
- Complete an application, interview, and background screening.
- Commit to at least one year of service, or the conclusion of the case.
- Complete the 30-hour Pre-Service Training requirement which includes six hours per week of online and in-class work across five weeks.
- In addition to 30 hours of online and in-class work, attend court nights in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties and observe a court hearing.

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