



In advocating for children who have experienced abuse or neglect, **CASA gives them a voice and a chance for a better life.**



CASA serves as the voice of children.

Someday we hope to have enough volunteers to serve **every child** in our community who needs an advocate.

Today, only **1 in 4** local children who have experienced abuse or neglect have access to a CASA volunteer.

With your help we will work toward our vision that all children live in a **safe home** and in the embrace of a loving family.



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lift up a child's **voice.**
a child's life.TM



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Help us reach every child who needs us.

Each year, CASA volunteers in our program dedicate more than **20,000 hours** to children. Every hour focused on the same goal—to give each child a chance at happiness and the stability that all kids need in order to thrive.

With a CASA volunteer, a child is half as likely to languish in foster care, and is much more likely to find a **safe, permanent home**.



Too many children in the child welfare system have **lost hope**. Join our mission to give them a **powerful voice**.

In Johnson & Wyandotte Counties, nearly 1,500 children who have experienced abuse or neglect filter through our court systems each year. CASA empowers these children by adding a powerful voice in their lives, a CASA volunteer advocate. It is our mission to speak up for the best interests of these children, to provide stability, and to restore hope.

CASA volunteers build a consistent, trusting relationship with a child. Appointed by a judge, advocates champion children, identify suitable options for families, and provide objective information to the court. Our volunteers share a common purpose: to do what's best for children. All volunteers are carefully screened, complete specialized training, and are supported by CASA's professional staff.

CASA volunteers are...

involved.

Volunteers gather important information, review records, write reports, and make recommendations to the court on what is in the child's best interests.

determined.

Volunteers advocate for children to receive necessary medical, therapeutic, and educational services to improve their well-being while in the system.

present.

A consistent and caring adult assigned to spend time with a child in the foster care system. A relationship maintained to help build a child's resilience and find a safe, permanent home.

connected.

Volunteers serve as a channel of information and speak with foster parents, social workers, doctors and therapists, teachers, family members and others to secure valuable information regarding a child.



volunteer

Your time can support children and work to end the cycle of abuse. CASA will provide all required training. A caring heart is all you need.



donate

All donations are tax-deductible and help us expand programs and recruit and train additional volunteers.



get involved

Join our Friends of CASA volunteer group or other member/giving networks and you can take part in numerous opportunities to advance CASA's mission.



*"(Our) girls are so fortunate to have an advocate like the CASA volunteer they were assigned. I can't begin to describe what this one **consistent, loving adult** has meant in their turbulent world."*

Foster Parent



*"Our foster sons had the same CASA advocate through the first years of their care. **Her presence was crucial** for them... She was the only consistent person they knew."*

Foster Parent

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