



# First Judicial District CASA Association

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**“(CASA) has been one of the best advocates for youth in the Justice System”.**  
-Todd Thompson,  
Leavenworth County Attorney



**“Services CASA provides to the domestic court are necessary, generally invaluable, and difficult if not impossible to replace”.**  
-Honorable Judge Wiley



**“CASA provides invaluable service for both CINC cases & for visitation & exchange of children in domestic cases.”**  
-Honorable Judge Asher

## Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Recruits, trains and certifies average citizen volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children in the court system. Considered the eyes and ears of the Judge. Volunteers advocate for the best interest of the child while ensuring the child is safe. CASA Volunteers are sensitive to the child’s sense of time and work tirelessly to achieve a permanent or “forever home” for children.

- Stats collected from 1/1/23-12/31/23
- 39 children served
- 17 active CASA Volunteers
- 1,857 documented Volunteer hours
- 13,034 documented Volunteer miles

## Child Exchange and Visitation Center (CEVC)

Provides a safe and neutral environment for children and parents to visit. Three types of services offered: Supervised Visits, Monitored Visits and Monitored Exchange. Visitation Center is open 5 days a week, offering weekend and evening hours to accommodate all schedules. Security staff on duty during all operation hours to ensure clients safety.

- 111 children served
- 68 families served
- 649 visits
- 285 exchanges

## Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Highly trained and certified staff provide forensic interviews to child victims of crime. Services begin at the onset of the abuse investigation with the goal of reducing the amount of trauma to the child victim. The CAC provides evidence for the prosecution of the offender and provides ongoing advocacy services and resources to the child victim and their caregivers.

- 120 new children received forensic interviews
- 108 new children received ongoing advocacy

## General Responsibilities As Separating Parents (GRASP) Class

Class designed to provide divorcing parents co-parenting skills. Skills introduced to parents include techniques and strategies to identify what is best for children during divorce and how to minimize the negative effects divorce has on children.

- 150 parents graduated from GRASP

## Parenting in the Twenty-First Century

Class designed for caregivers of all ages of children. This class will help parents and caregivers focus on the different dynamics of the family structure.

- 4 parents graduated from Parenting in the Twenty-First Century

## Supporting Youth with Challenging Pasts Parenting Class

Class based on the Love and Logic curriculum, for caregivers of youth ages 5-18. Covering positive discipline approaches, child safety, drug & alcohol prevention, positive parent/child communication, and power struggles.

- 7 parents graduated from Supporting Youth with Challenging Pasts