CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates FOR CHILDREN FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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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 1/1/22-12/31/22
- 53 children served
- 21 active CASA Volunteers
- 1,990 documented Volunteer hours
- 16,004 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.

- 132 children served
- 71 families served
- 935 visits
- 418 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.

- 134 new children received forensic interviews
- 111 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.

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.

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.

- 148 parents graduated from GRASP
- 7 parents graduated from Parenting in the Twenty-First Century
- 5 parents graduated from Supporting Youth with Challenging Pasts