About CASA

The CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) concept is based on the belief that every child has the right to a safe, permanent home. Unlike attorneys and social workers, the CASA volunteer speaks exclusively for the child's best interests.

CASA Volunteers are everyday people, from all walks of life, who have been thoroughly screened and extensively trained to be a voice for the children they serve.

Requirements

- At least 21 years old
- Pass background checks
- Complete 32 hours of volunteer training
- Commit to one full year of service



Become A Volunteer

Make the first step in changing a child's life. Apply to become a CASA volunteer by visiting us at **casalvks.org**

Locations

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Change a child's story.



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RECOMMEND Speak up for the child's best interests in court. Make recommendations regarding the child's placement and needed services, and monitor the child's situation until the case is released by the court.



"To give a child a CASA volunteer is to give them a voice. To give them a voice is to give them hope, and to give them hope is to give them the world."

-Pamela, former foster youth

CASAS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Children with CASA volunteers spend 7.5 months less in foster care, experience fewer out of home placements and have significantly improved educational performance
- More than 90% of children with CASA volunteers never reenter the child welfare system
- Children with CASA volunteers, and their families, receive more court ordered services which are more carefully targeted and monitored
- By reducing long-term placements, subsequent victimization, and reentry into the foster care system, CASA substantially reduces child welfare costs

