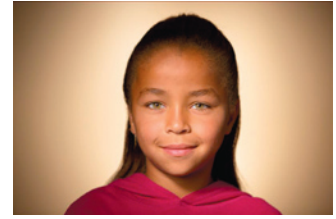


# National CASA Association

STAND UP FOR AN ABUSED CHILD®



## Who We Are

The National CASA Association provides leadership to more than 900 state and local organizations that champion the best interests of abused and neglected children. Across the country, more than 59,000 highly trained CASA volunteers serve as powerful advocates for these children, one child at a time, within the child welfare system.

## The Need We Address

One million American children are confirmed victims of abuse and neglect each year, and over half a million of them are in foster care.

These children need someone to speak up for them to ensure their timely placement in safe, secure, permanent homes where they will have a chance to thrive.

The child welfare system is often far too overburdened and overwhelmed to see that the needs and interests of these children are served, and many are neglected or even abused again while under the system's care.

## The Solution

CASA volunteers are powerful, effective, caring advocates for abused children. A CASA volunteer is appointed by a judge to speak out for the best interests of the child.

Every year CASA volunteers work to ensure that more than 245,000 children are placed in secure, nurturing homes with hope for a positive future. In most cases, this means returning to their parents once their safety is assured. In others, it means releasing the child for adoption rather than remaining in temporary care.

CASA programs' positive impact has been hailed by many judges and documented in several studies, and CASA has been formally recognized as an outstanding advocacy and prevention program by the US Department of Justice.

## National CASA's Role

The National CASA Association provides critical leadership and support to promote quality advocacy and lead the continued growth of the CASA network.

We create national publicity campaigns to help recruit CASA volunteers and raise awareness about child abuse. In recent years, CASA has been featured in various media, reaching more than 155 million individuals.

National CASA provides funding to local programs and offers extensive technical assistance and training to help those programs serve more children more effectively.

## Why Support the CASA Solution?

CASA programs are a highly effective, practical way to help some of the most needy and vulnerable children in your community.

We can assure that your financial or other support will be put to good use to serve children: 91 cents of every dollar contributed goes directly to program services.

Your support will be highly leveraged. As a volunteer-driven organization, the CASA network is an extremely efficient way to make a major impact for abused and neglected children.

Joining us as a member, supporter or volunteer will add strength to our efforts to help abused and neglected children.

Please support our efforts to provide a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one. Contact us at (800) 628-3233, or visit us at [nationalcasa.org](http://nationalcasa.org).



*The National CASA Association, together with its state and local members, supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.*



*Children with a CASA volunteer benefit in countless ways. They are more likely to be placed in a safe, permanent home; more likely to receive better services; and more likely to have fewer placement changes.*

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