



# I am for the child

## For consideration:

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained community volunteer who is appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interest of an abused or neglected child involved in juvenile court dependency proceedings.

The CASA volunteer gathers information about the child's situation, attends court proceedings and makes a recommendation to the judge so that the judge has the information to make a decision about the child's future.

## Qualifications:

- Sincere care for the well-being of children
- At least 21 years of age
- Pass criminal background checks
- Good verbal & written communication skills

- Ability to be objective & non-judgmental
- Available to attend all court hearings
- Commitment to CASA program for at least 1 year or preferably until case is resolved

## How to become a CASA:

- Complete an application
- Undergo criminal background checks
- Be interviewed by a CASA staff person
- Complete 40 hours of training
- Be sworn-in by a judge

## Benefits of being a CASA:

As a CASA volunteer, you will ultimately help to change a child's life for a brighter future. You can help to end the cycle of abuse and neglect.

## TO GET STARTED

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