

CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY

CASA OF LANE COUNTY IS A POWERFUL VOICE FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM DUE TO ABUSE AND NEGLECT.



"A hero can be anyone. Even a man doing something as simple as putting a coat around a little boy's shoulders to let him know the world hadn't ended."

— Batman

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CASA's Mission

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Lane County is a powerful voice for children who are in the child welfare system due to abuse and neglect

CASA Volunteers' Role

Court Appointed Special Advocates

- ✧ Visit children consistently, establishing rapport, understanding and open lines of communication
- ✧ Gather information from all service providers and individuals involved in the child's life
- ✧ Make informed recommendations to the court for the child's present and future
- ✧ Work to ensure children receive services they need to thrive
- ✧ Put pressure on the system to help move children as quickly as possible into safe, permanent homes

Qualifications

CASA seeks candidates as diverse as the children we serve. We value that the diversity of our volunteer force effectively enhances quality advocacy for vulnerable children.

CASA requires that volunteers be at least 21 years old and that they can remain on a case until it closes, which on average is two years.

Time Commitment

- ✧ It takes about 10-15 volunteer hours each month to effectively advocate for a child, including time to read emails and review case history, make phone calls and visits, and attend hearings. Most of the time spent by volunteers is flexible and can be scheduled around other life commitments.
- ✧ CASA volunteers commit to remaining a consistent presence in a child's life until they are in safe, permanent homes.

Application and Training Processes

CASA has a policy of continued mutual screening. Throughout the application and training processes, candidates and staff continually evaluate prospective volunteers' fit for the program.

- ✧ The application process includes a screening agreement, first interview, application, three references, writing sample and second interview.
- ✧ Accepted applicants enter one of four, in-depth 40-hour, training classes held throughout the year and background checks are completed.
- ✧ Trainees graduating from class are sworn-in by the juvenile court judge to become CASA volunteers and are assigned a CASA Supervisor.
- ✧ CASA Volunteers are appointed by the judge to advocate for a child or family of children from a waitlist, which is populated by referrals and prioritized by severity of need.

Spring Class Schedule

Class 1: Thursday, April 9,
10:30am to 1:30pm

Class 2-10: Thursdays, April 16 to June 18,
5:00 to 8:30pm

Mock Court: Thursday, June 11,
5:00pm

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CASA's Vision

We envision a world in which every child has a safe, permanent home.