

What does a CASA volunteer do?

CASA volunteers serve as the eyes and ears of the court. They:

- Establish a stable, one-on-one relationship with a child in foster care and get to know the child's unique history
- Gather information from anyone who can shed light on the child's situation – teachers, foster parents, family members, physicians, etc.
- Help the child plan and develop age appropriate goals
- Ensure the child has access to needed medical, education, career, and housing services
- Attend court proceedings (usually every six months) and make an informed, independent recommendation to the judge about what is in the child's best interests
- Bring a sense of urgency to the child's needs and promote safety
- Advocate for timeliness and permanency for children involved in juvenile court proceedings
- Remain involved until the case is permanently resolved to keep the focus on the child