

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES CHANGE LIVES

“Being in foster care is living in a constant state of flux. Homes, schools, families...everything is always changing, often suddenly and without warning. The only constant was my CASA volunteer. Without her I would have been lost in the system.” **MELISSA, FORMER FOSTER YOUTH**

THE PROBLEM: OVERWHELMED SYSTEMS



will find themselves in U.S. foster care this year.



The average child will spend nearly 2 years (20 months) in foster care



On average each one of those children will change homes three times

THE SOLUTION: CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), trained volunteers who help abused and neglected children find safe, permanent homes.



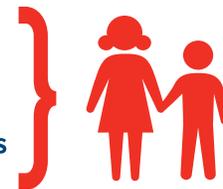
A WISE INVESTMENT
One year of CASA/GAL advocacy costs less than one month of foster care.



1 staff member



supports 30 volunteers



serving 75 children

THE RESULTS: BRIGHTER FUTURES



CASA PROGRAMS CHANGE LIVES
A child with a CASA/GAL volunteer is more likely to find a safe, permanent home.



A child with a CASA/GAL volunteer is half as likely to re-enter the foster-care system



And, they are more likely to succeed in school and less likely to spend three or more years in care.

OUR VISION: SERVING EVERY CHILD



76,000 CASA/GAL volunteers help change children's lives every day.



251,000 abused and neglected children served through CASA or GAL programs in the last year.



400,000 children are waiting for a volunteer empowered to find them a safe, loving, permanent home

“CASA is an organization of people with a proven record of service, excellence, high standards, determination and an unwavering commitment to abused and neglected children and to advocating for justice for all children.” **JUDGE JOYCE WILLIAMS WARREN**

The National CASA Association is an organization of 949 programs recruiting, training and supporting court-appointed volunteers to stand up for the rights of abused and neglected children, in the courtroom and the community.

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