

# What is CASA?

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. CASAs are not paid for their time. They are trained volunteers.

Judges decide which children get a CASA Volunteer on their case. The CASA will gather information and write reports to the court. This information helps the Judge make better decisions about what is best for the children.

## The CASA Volunteer:

**does** talk to people who might have information about your children. This can include teachers, doctors, foster parents, therapists, and social workers.

**does** get to know your children, and may visit with them independently.

**does** get to know you, and can help you find and use resources in the community.

**does** have access to all your child's records, and gets copies of all court papers on the case.

**does** take notes. The CASA is ordered by the judge to write reports to the court telling what they have learned.

**does** listen to your thoughts and feelings about how things are going, and can include these things in their reports.

**does** represent your child's best interest.

**does** observe supervised visitation between you and your children.

## The CASA Volunteer:

**does not** investigate what led the Department of Human Services to open a case.

**does not** decide what happens with your children's case. That is up to the judge.

**does not** choose sides in family disagreements.

**does not** supervise visitation between parents and children.

**does not** provide transportation for children or family members.

**does not** act like a parent or a big brother or big sister to your children.

**does not** represent you in court, or give legal advice.



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FOR CHILDREN

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