



# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ADVOCATE

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As a volunteer, you will...

- ▶ Talk regularly with parents, learn what they are experiencing, and collaborate to problem-solve and find solutions.
- ▶ Meet regularly with children, learn about their interests and challenges and advocate for them to receive services & supports.
- ▶ Navigate resources and facilitate connections for families.
- ▶ Provide peer support and advocacy for whole families.

## THE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Family Engagement Program utilizes trained and committed community volunteers to work one-on-one with a family whose children are chronically absent from school. They partner with families to identify and build upon their strengths, and provide peer support and resource navigation for families to access wraparound community supports.

It is a new, voluntary, program for families and operates entirely outside of the child welfare and court system. Family Engagement Advocates support students' needs in order to help get them re-engaged in school.

## WHY CASA

CASA is an established community partner that provides ongoing training and supervision to community volunteers so that they can intervene and support families in a strengths-based, culturally-informed way.

Our volunteers are trained in advocacy, communication, and resource connection, and will work one on one with students and their families to develop plans to re-engage students and promote school success.

## WHAT IS CASA

Our mission is to provide volunteer advocacy and support for at-risk children and youth, empowering families to thrive. Our vision is a community that values and strengthens children and families from all backgrounds and life experiences, providing opportunities to thrive and build successful lives.



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