



What is a Family Engagement Advocate?

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

A Family Engagement Advocate is a caring community member who is trained and supervised by CASA of Adams and Broomfield Counties' staff to be an additional resource for families. CASA's Family Engagement Program is voluntary for you to utilize if you choose to participate. A Family Engagement Advocate will be assigned to you who will talk with you and your child to learn what your child is experiencing that is preventing them from going to school, and will problem solve with you to address the barriers, connect you with resources, and facilitate communication and advocate on behalf of your student with their school.

A Family Engagement Advocate...

does talk to people who have information about your child, including parents, teachers, social workers, school psychologists, and school personnel, and will advocate on behalf of your student for needed school resources, accommodations, or support.

does get to know your child and may visit with them independently at home and at school

does get to know you and can identify and connect you with supportive services and community resources

does have access to your child's educational records and does attend meetings with you and the school

does listen to your thoughts and feeling about how things are going and can advocate for you and your student with their school

does work towards bringing a community of support around your child to help them reconnect with their school and peers

does respect that they work with your family at your discretion and that you may choose to end the working relationship at any time

does not choose sides in family disagreements

does not transport your child to school or appointments

does not drive family members to appointments

does not act like a parent or older sibling to your child

does not give legal advice or provide mental health care or advice

does not buy your child things or provide financial assistance to your child or family

does not share information about your child or family with anyone without a signed release of information



What is a Family Engagement Advocate?

FOR STUDENTS

A Family Engagement Advocate is a caring community member who is trained and supervised by CASA of Adams and Broomfield Counties' staff to support you and your family and help you to get back to school and reengaged with your teachers and school community. Your Family Engagement Advocate is there to listen to you and learn about what is going on at school and at home that makes it difficult to go to school. They are there to be your partner and to advocate on your behalf to make sure you have the resources and support you need to be successful at school so that you can have the kind of future you want as an adult.

A Family Engagement Advocate...

does talk to people who might know about how you are doing. These people can be teachers, social workers, your parents, and others.

does get to know you and your family and will visit you at home and at school

does get copies of your educational records

does listen to your thoughts and feeling about how things are going and will advocate for you at school to ensure you receive the support or accommodations you need to be successful

does help you to make a plan to re-engage with your learning, school environment, and extracurricular activities

does respect you and your family, and recognizes that you get to choose how long you want to work with your volunteer

does not choose sides in family disagreements

does not buy you things or take you to their home

does not drive you or your family members to appointments

does not tell anyone other than your teachers and other school staff anything about you or your life