

Affirmation and Release of Information for Background Check

Any applicant found to have been convicted of or having charges pending for a felony or misdemeanor involving a sex offense, child abuse or neglect, or related acts that would pose risks to children or the CASA program's credibility is not eligible to be a CASA volunteer.

I, _____ hereby affirm that all of the answers provided on my volunteer application are true. If I have misrepresented any information on this application I will be immediately disqualified.

Further, I hereby authorize West Virginia CASA and any agency West Virginia CASA authorizes, to investigate my background to determine my fitness as a potential volunteer.

I further authorize the Department of Health and Human Resources to conduct a record check and to release the results of said records check to the _____ CASA Program. I understand that the information requested in this application will be used only for the purpose of determining my suitability as a CASA volunteer.

Further, I understand that completion of training does not guarantee that I will be assigned a case. If I have successfully completed the training and have met all other requirements, and it has been determined that I am a suitable volunteer, I understand that I will be expected to serve a minimum of one year in the CASA program. That year begins on the date of my swearing in by the Judge. If unforeseen circumstances prevent me from fulfilling this obligation, I will submit my written resignation to the program director with as much advance notice as possible.

I am aware of the sensitive and confidential nature of the official documents, reports and other material I will examine in my capacity as a CASA volunteer. I will discuss these matters only with those persons directly involved in the case or who will be consulted for their professional knowledge and expertise.

I also understand that if for any reason it becomes apparent that my activities are contrary to the policies, goals and/or philosophy of the CASA program and their desire to provide quality services to abused and neglected children, my services as a CASA volunteer will be terminated.

I submit the statements on this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification on this application can disqualify me from consideration or can result in dismissal at a later time.

I have read the above waiver and release statement and fully understand what rights I am waiving by signing this document.

I attest to the fact that I have never been charged or convicted of child abuse including sexual, emotional, or physical; neglect; or any other crime against a child. I attest to the fact that I have been convicted of no other crimes, except as listed.

CHARGE/CONVICTION

Your Signature _____

Date _____