

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) 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 & family court systems 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.

There are # children in foster care in NAME alone.

THE SOLUTION: CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

CASA trained volunteers who help abused and neglected children find safe, permanent homes.



A WISE INVESTMENT

One year of CASA 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 volunteer is more likely to find a safe, permanent home.



A child with a CASA 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



76,756

CASA volunteers help change children's lives every day. Learn more at www.wvcasa.org.



250,323

abused and neglected children had a CASA volunteer speaking up for their best interests in the last year.



452,000

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 (RETIRED)**

The National CASA Association is an organization of 943 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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