THE GOALS OF CASA'S WORK

- Promote permanency for children through information gathering, monitoring, case facilitation, and advocacy.
- Prevent incidence of re-abuse through monthly visitation, monitoring, and ensuring access to services.
- Ensure each child's healthy development, medical and emotional wellness, education, safety, and stability.
- Support Family Court by having professionally trained CASAs available to monitor and advocate for vulnerable children.

CASA BY THE NUMBERS: NEW YORK STATE

2,400
children assigned to CASA.

760
volunteers across the state

33,600 hours
logged by volunteers each year.

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BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER

Use this QR code to submit an application.

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a program of EAC NETWORK EMPOWER. ASSIST. CARE.

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There's no place like hope.

CASA, and our advocate volunteers, make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children in your community.

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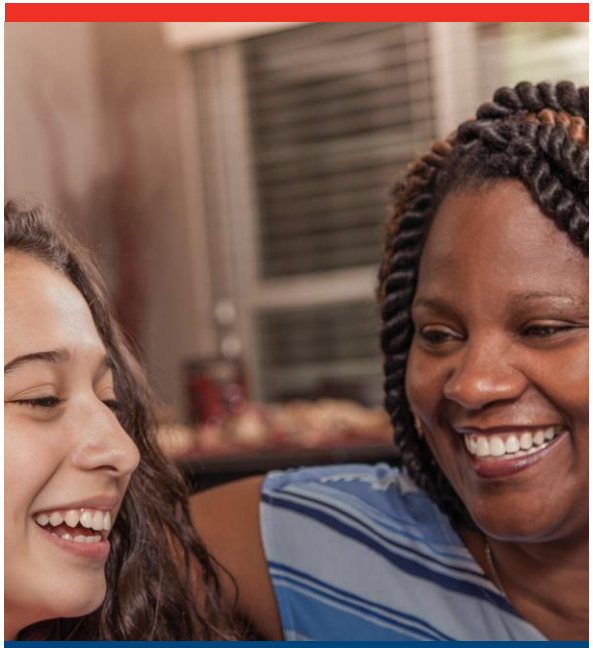
part of a community working to **change a child's story**



About CASA

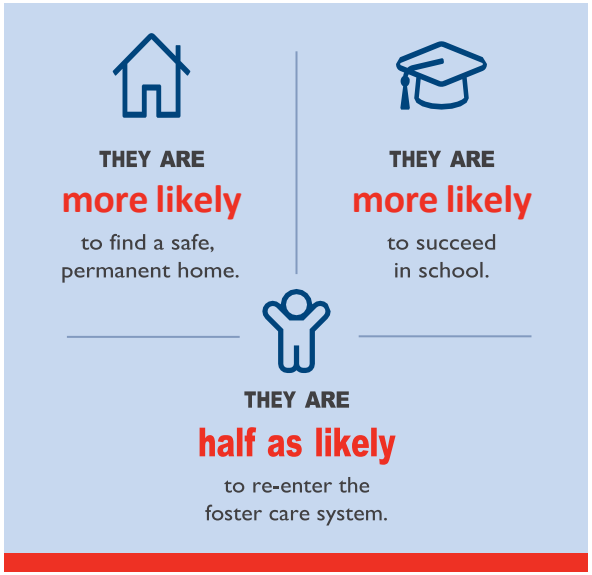
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are professionally trained and objective community volunteers appointed by Family Court to advocate for children who are in out-of-home placement or at risk of being placed in foster care.

CASAs monitor a child's medical and mental health, educational needs, well-being, and permanency planning. Key to a CASA's work are regular visits with the child or children to whom they are assigned.

APPOINTED BY THE COURT

CASA is appointed by court order to collaborate with others involved in a child's case and gather information from all interested persons including parents, relatives, foster parents, teachers, case managers, doctors, therapists, attorneys, other service providers, and the child. CASA provides fact-based reports to assist the court in addressing the child's needs and determining what is in their best interest.

When CASA is appointed, children are either in foster care, in the care of their parents, or extended family with services and family court oversight. Many, are safely reunified with their parents. In other cases, children and youth are permanently placed with relatives or adopted. CASA's ultimate goal is for children to grow up in permanent, safe, and healthy family homes.



BEST INTEREST ADVOCACY

LEARN

Advocates learn all they can about the child, their family, and their life.

ENGAGE AND SUPPORT

Within the context of CASA's work, build a relationship and engage with the child, and family, during regular visits.

ADVOCATE

Speak up about the child's placement and needed services in court, and with others involved in the child's case.

COLLABORATE

Collaborate with others to ensure that children receive the necessary services.

REPORT

Advocates report to the court what they have learned and observed.