



Change a  
Child's Story.™

## ABOUT US

CASA for Children (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recruits, trains, and empowers volunteers to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children. When a child is placed in foster care, a judge appoints a volunteer advocate to create connections and promote nurturing relationships for the child and family and to make independent and informed recommendations to help the court make a ruling about the child's best interest. CASA strives to be the one constant on a child's journey through the child welfare system.

## OUR MISSION

CASA for Children strives to support hope, healing, and healthy families by empowering community volunteers to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children.

"Nothing you do for children is ever wasted." -Garrison Keillor

## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CASA

### Learn



Learn all you can about the child and his or her family and life.

### Engage



Engage with the child during regular visits.

### Recommend



Speak up for the child's best interests in court. Make recommendations regarding placement and needed services.

### Collaborate



Collaborate with others to ensure that necessary services are provided and are in the child's best interest.

### Report



Report what you have learned and observed to the court.

## DID YOU KNOW



1 in 7 children  
experienced abuse or  
neglect in the U.S.  
last year.



365,000 children  
are currently in  
foster care in the  
U.S.



18,500 youth are  
emancipated from  
foster care without a  
permanent family.

## KEY FACTS

- CASA for Children was formed in 1990 in Bowie County, Texas, under the direction of 5th Judicial District Judge Jack Carter.
- CASA is an umbrella program under the registered 501(c)3 nonprofit Northeast Texas CASA, Inc. along with their sister program, the Texarkana Children's Advocacy Center.
- CASA serves children in the following Arkansas and Texas counties: Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Bowie, and Cass.
- The goal of a CASA Volunteer is to reunite the child with their family of origin. If this is not possible, CASA volunteers research other family members or family friends that may be able to provide a safe and stable home.
- There are approximately 150 children in foster care in CASA's service area without a volunteer advocate.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT

*We rely on funding and other support from the community to fulfill our mission.*



### DONATE

Our services are free because of the generosity of our donors.

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### VOLUNTEER

CASA Volunteers are people just like you who get to know a child in foster care and speak up for their best interest in court. Learn how you can Change a Child's Story<sup>™</sup> today!



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## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

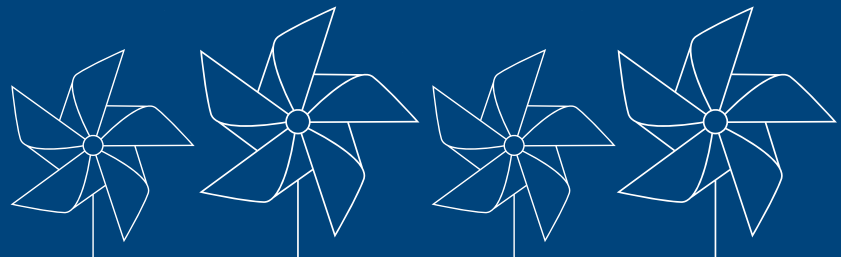
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*The pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse prevention. It represents what we want for all children - a happy, carefree childhood.*



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