



MISSION

CASA for Kids is a nonprofit organization that recruits, screens, trains and supports community volunteers who advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children in juvenile deprived court.

IMPACT AREA

Healthy Community

PURPOSE

CASA for Kids addresses the complex and ongoing challenges faced by children who have experienced abuse and neglect and are involved in the child welfare system. These children often enter foster care due to unsafe home environments and face instability, trauma and uncertainty as their cases move through the court system.

SERVICES

CASA for Kids addresses these challenges by recruiting, training and supporting volunteers who serve as consistent, dedicated advocates for each child. CASA volunteers ensure that the child's voice is heard, their needs are identified and the court receives informed, objective recommendations, helping move children toward safe, stable and permanent homes more efficiently.

RESULT

One powerful example involves a sibling group of young children who entered foster care after experiencing significant neglect and instability. When their CASA volunteer was appointed, the children had already experienced multiple placement disruptions and were struggling emotionally, behaviorally and academically. The CASA volunteer quickly built trust with each child, becoming a consistent and reliable presence in their lives. Through regular visits and conversations, the volunteer was able to understand their fears, needs, and hopes - insight that was not always visible to others involved in the case. The volunteer identified gaps in services, including the need for additional mental health support and educational interventions, and advocated for those services to be put in place.