



FOR PARENTS

WHAT IS CASA?

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA Advocates are not paid for their time. They are trained volunteers. Judges decide which children get a CASA Advocate on their case. The CASA will gather information and writes reports to the court. This information helps the juvenile judge make better decisions about what is best for the children.

THE CASA ADVOCATE:

Does talk to people who might have information about your children. This can include teachers, doctors, foster parents, therapists and social workers.

Does get to know your children and may visit them independently.

Is required to maintain confidentiality.

Does have access to all your child's records and copies of all court papers on the case.

Does take notes. The CASA is ordered by the judge to write reports to the court telling what they have learned.

Does get to know you and listen to your Thoughts and feelings about how things are going.

Does represent your child's best interest.

THE CASA ADVOCATE:

Does Not decide what happens with your children's case. That is up to the judge.

Does Not choose sides in family disagreements.

Does Not supervise visitation between parents and children.

Does Not drive family members to appointments or visits.

Does Not represent you in court, or give legal advice.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE CASA OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT CASA

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