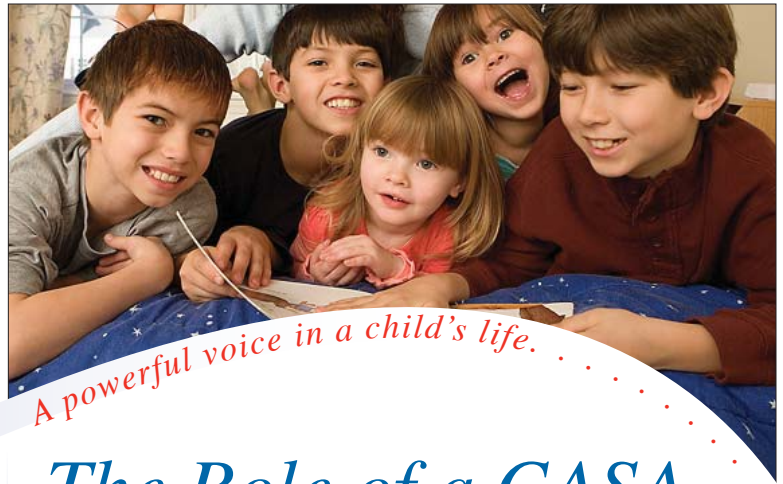


Help an Abused or Neglected Child

Volunteer  
Today!



A powerful voice in a child's life.

## The Role of a CASA

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained volunteer who is appointed by the Juvenile Court Judge to represent the best interests of an abused or neglected child.

CASA volunteers are appointed as Guardians ad Litem (GAL) and act as the eyes and ears of the judge by documenting each child's circumstances and making recommendations for services and permanency. The ultimate goal of the CASA advocate is to help ensure that every child lives in a safe and permanent home. This could mean reunification with their parents, placement with relatives or adoption by a loving family.



*"It's about helping a child replace a life of hurt with one of hope."*

- CASA Volunteer

### What are the Requirements to be a CASA/GAL?

- Anyone 21 years of age or older with good communication and writing skills is welcome to apply (*bilingual volunteers needed*)
- Pass DCFS and criminal background checks
- Attend 40 hours of training

### What are the Expectations of a CASA/GAL?

- Visits children at least monthly
- Interviews everyone involved in the child's life (*parents, foster parents, teachers, therapists, etc.*)
- Prepares written reports with findings/recommendations and attends each court hearing
- Attends 12 hours of in-service training annually

CASA Kane County strives to contribute to positive outcomes in the lives of mistreated children. CASA advocates are well supported by case management staff and mentors.

To learn more about the CASA Kane County - Guardian ad Litem program, please call us at 630-232-4484 or visit our website at [www.casakanecounty.org](http://www.casakanecounty.org).

**WE'RE WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU!**



CASA Kane County is a nonprofit organization that advocates for abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Court system.

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