



We see news stories every day of children being pulled from an abusive or neglectful situation and entering the foster care system. Unfortunately when a child comes into foster care their struggle is far from over.

Though the system is full of well-intentioned people, they often do not have the time to truly get to know the kids and what they need. Judges who decide the fate of these families often wish for more information.

This is where a CASA advocate steps in. CASA advocates are appointed to serve on one case at a time. They become experts on that case by visiting with the children, reviewing records and interviewing those involved. All the information they gather goes directly to the judge so a decision can be made in the child's best interest.

You can be the difference for a child. You can make sure their needs and wants are not neglected.



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ADVOCATES



CHILDREN WITH A CASA ADVOCATE:

- Spend less time in foster care
- Receive more targeted services
- Perform better in school
- Move around less

CASA Advocates in Arizona are part of a National network of CASA programs. We are a member of the National CASA Association. There are fifteen CASA Programs in Arizona, one in each county. Since 1985 CASA advocates in Arizona have served more than 23,000 children.



REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A CASA ADVOCATE:

- 21 years of age or older
- Complete a background check including a polygraph exam
- Complete 30 hours of pre-service training (provided by CASA of Arizona at no cost)
- Have the ability to communicate verbally and in writing using a phone and computer
- Be a legal resident of the US
- Have ability to operate a vehicle or have reliable transportation
- Dedicate 15-20 hours per month to change a child's life

ADVOCATE

A CASA volunteer's primary role is to advocate for a child in the court and in the community. Unlike volunteer programs that focus on mentoring, CASA is the only organization that empowers everyday citizens as appointed officers of the court to recommend the best possible outcome for a child's future.

LISTEN

CASA volunteers get to know the child and seek feedback from everyone involved in the children's lives--parents, relatives, foster parents, teachers, social workers, attorneys, doctors and others. All of this information helps inform judges and others on the child's team of what the children need.

SPEAK UP

CASA volunteers develop positive relationships with the children by earning their trust, showing up, and speaking on their behalf. Volunteers work diligently to ensure the child's educational, social, emotional, physical and mental health needs are being met.

