



TOGETHER

we'll make a difference
in the life of a child!

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CASA of St. Louis recruits, trains, and supports Court Appointed Special Advocates—CASA volunteers— who advocate within the juvenile courts for children and youth, birth through age twenty, who are in foster care due to abuse and neglect. CASA volunteers help children access essential services and achieve the best possible outcome.

Together we make a difference!

We work to ensure each child reaches a safe, stable, loving home. Each CASA volunteer is assigned to just one child or sibling group, and is a reliable adult in their life who truly understands them and their needs. Together we help youth succeed in school, form strong connections, and plan for the future.



“CASA volunteers are a constant in children’s lives when other things feel out of control.” — Jennifer, CASA volunteer



Ensuring Stability and Planning for Growth

Missouri has twice as many children removed from their homes and in foster care as they should, as defined by the state population, economy, education levels, and urban/rural balance. CASA of St. Louis is committed to increasing the number of children we serve by 15% each year for the next three years, with a goal of 454 volunteers advocating for 655 children by FY27.

In the same period, we anticipate the number of children in foster care to drop from the current 2,120 to 1,700 as Missouri Children’s Division focuses on community support to prevent children being removed from their homes. We are well-prepared for growth in the years ahead.

FY23 (July 2022—June 2023) Children Served—By the Numbers

- 375 children and youth served
- 109 children and youth exited foster care:
 - 40% reunification
 - 22% adoption
 - 19% guardianship
 - 9% emancipation
 - 10% case dismissed, CASA withdrew, aged out, or services no longer needed
- 87% of children served who exited care achieved a safe, permanent home.

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CASA Volunteers Make an Impact

While much in the lives of children in foster care is precarious, we provide safety and reliability. A CASA volunteer is often the only consistent adult in a child's life as their placement, case workers, teachers, and care providers change.

Duties of CASA volunteers assigned to advocate for a child in foster care include:

- **Investigate:** Learn about the child, including relevant history and relationships, by meeting with court staff, case managers, and service providers. From the first visit with the child on, they build rapport and trust to help determine the child's needs.
- **Monitor:** Track the progress of court-ordered services. Ensure the child is physically healthy, confirm that medical and educational records travel with the child to each foster placement, and monitor academic progress and adherence to educational plans.
- **Advocate:** Speak up for the child in court and in the community. Make recommendations on the child's behalf through formal court reports.
- **Facilitate:** Identify resources, make connections, and promote a collaborative relationship between all parties involved so the child's needs can be met.

CASA volunteers also provide essential emotional support and give a child in foster care a voice in the decisions being made about their life.



FY23 (July 2022—June 2023) Volunteers—By the Numbers

- 220 active CASA volunteers
- 138 attended an orientation session
- 27 new volunteers trained
- 50 volunteers discharged
- 3.6 average years of service before discharge



FY23 Income

Contributions & Grants	\$882,132
In-Kind Revenue	\$115,159
Restricted Program Grants	\$839,434
Events	\$57,842
Total	\$1,894,567*

FY23 Expenses

Program	\$1,135,636
Management	\$201,764
Fundraising	\$183,341
Shared Expense	\$296,014
Total	\$1,770,248

*Entire surplus is restricted for future use.

FY24 (July 2023—June 2024) Program Goals

- 432 children and youth served
- 60 new CASA volunteers
- 240 active CASA volunteers

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