



CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates

It takes people like you.....

We see news stories every day about children taken from an abusive home. We assume there must be a program or system that will take care of these children and make sure they are treated with dignity, given a safe place to live, so they can recover from their hardship **and be a child again**. On any given day in Orange County, there are over 2,500 children and teens in foster care and now part of a complex and frightening legal system. ***Many children will never return home again.***

There can be a better ending, because there is a group of trained volunteers, appointed by judges to advocate for these children. CASA volunteers are ordinary people with extraordinary hearts and the desire to make a difference. A CASA volunteer visits with a foster child on a regular basis, interacts with all professionals involved in the case and makes recommendations directly to the court, ensuring the child's best interests are not overlooked. A CASA volunteer will address a child's educational needs, help find a permanent home and provide the guidance and resources necessary for an independent future.

Advocates must be at least 21 years old and are asked to make a two-year commitment of 10-15 hours per month in order to ensure stability and consistency for the children we serve. ***In advocating for an abused or neglected child, you give that child a voice and a chance for a better life.***



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