

CASA OF GALVESTON COUNTY

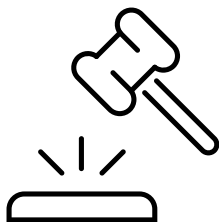
CASA increases the well-being of the children in foster care



- We address mental, physical, and educational needs
- We help keep children connected to their culture and cultural identity
- We advocate to keep families connected and together when safe and possible

CASA Supports children and families involved in the Child Welfare System

- We provide a consistent presence for the child and family
- We help find, engage, and strengthen a support network for the child and family
- We focus on one child or sibling group at a time



CASA is of, and for, the community



- CASA volunteers are everyday people who support children and families in crisis
- CASA volunteers are well-trained and supervised by professionals
- CASA volunteers are appointed by their local courts

Every child has a chance
- IT'S YOU!

Connecting in → ← the Classroom

WHAT DOES A CASA VOLUNTEER DO?

- Develops a positive relationship with the child
- Gets to know everyone involved in the child's life to advocate for their best interest while in foster care
- Conducts a collaborative family engagement (CFE) assessment
- Helps ensure a child's voice is heard and prepares recommendations to the court via a written report
- Stands up for the best interest of the child in the community and school
- Spends time each month visiting the child and the child's placement
- Communicates with the child's caseworker and attorney at least monthly



HOW DOES A CASA VOLUNTEER INTERFACE WITH THE SCHOOL AND TEACHER(S)?

- Visits the child at school
- Contacts the teacher(s) for progress information and a copy of the report card each progress or reporting period
- Contacts the registrar and/or counselor for attendance records and discipline records
- Assists the teacher if he or she needs help getting in touch with the foster family
- Attends Admission Review Dismissal (ARD) meetings as needed to advocate and support to the child
- Can fill the role of Educational Surrogate Parent to assist in educational decision making
- Provides education support as needed to the foster family
- Provides assistance and support to school staff as needed

