

CASA Provides More Than Advocacy

Through our emergency assistance, enrichment opportunities, and empowerment grants, CASA helps open doors that allow children and youth to learn, grow, and build brighter futures along with their peers.



Emergency Assistance

Helps meet urgent needs that may otherwise create barriers to a child's safety, stability, or well-being.

- Basic Essentials
- Diapers
- Clothing
- Grocery Assistance



Enrichment Program

Supports children in participating in everyday experiences that promote growth, confidence, and a sense of normalcy.

- Field Trips
- Summer activities
- Extracurriculars



Empowerment Grants

Supports youth as they work toward independence by providing resources for education, employment, and basic needs.

- School Tuition
- Textbooks
- Work Uniforms

Ways to support CASA



Attend Events

Join us at events like the Golf Classic and Gala—where community and impact come together.



Volunteer

Volunteer opportunities are available year-round, from signature events to community initiatives.



Stay Connected

Follow us on social media or sign up for our newsletter to stay connected and learn ways to support CASA.



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EVENTS



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Getting to Know CASA

THE VOICE FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN IN DUPAGE COUNTY FOR OVER 30 YEARS

CASA of DuPage County advocates for children who are abused and neglected by recruiting, training, and supporting volunteer advocates to represent each child's best interest in the court and in the community.

When a child enters the court system because of abuse or neglect, they are already living with fear and instability in their own home.



What follows can bring even more disruption.

Children may move between homes multiple times, change schools, and lose everything that once felt familiar to them.



Having one consistent adult can make all the difference.

During this time, having one caring, consistent adult focused on the child's best interest can bring stability, support, and hope.



That's where CASA advocates come in.

CASA volunteers build relationships with the children they serve, gather information from the adults involved in their lives, and help ensure the child's needs are understood throughout the case.



Supported by a CASA supervisor.

Every volunteer receives ongoing guidance, training, and support throughout their case assignments.



What Does a CASA Volunteer Do?

CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Here's what that means:



LEARN

Learn all you can about the child and his or her family.



ENGAGE

Engage with the child during regular visits.



ADVOCATE

Speak up for the child's best interests. Work with family members and caregivers to monitor the child's well-being and circumstances.



COLLABORATE

Collaborate with others to ensure that necessary services are provided and are in the child's best interest.



REPORT

Report what you've learned and observed to the court.



CASA's goal is to advocate until the child is returned home or placed into a safe, permanent home and the case is closed. The connection built with a CASA volunteer can often continue, providing a lasting source of support.

Why CASA Matters in DuPage County

When children experience abuse or neglect, the impact often extends beyond the home, affecting schools, families, and the broader community.

CASA of DuPage County helps ensure that decisions about a child's future are made with a full understanding of their needs and circumstances.

By providing consistent, child-focused advocacy, CASA supports safer, more stable outcomes for children, strengthening families and the community as a whole.

Minor Guardianship Program

In select minor guardianship cases, CASA of DuPage County provides court-appointed advocacy to help judges better understand a child's needs and circumstances.

What is Guardianship?

A non-parent caregiver may seek guardianship of a child to provide a safe, stable home when a parent is unable or unwilling to provide care.

Being named a guardian allows them to:



Provide a safe, stable home



Make healthcare decisions



Support educational needs.



Access important records



Manage day-to-day care

Where CASA comes in

Much like the advocacy provided in abuse and neglect cases, CASA gathers information from the important people in a child's life and provides objective information to the court by:



Getting to know the child and where they live



Interview proposed guardians, parents, and other important adults in the child's life



Submit an objective report to the court



Attend court hearings



All CASA advocacy and support services are provided at no cost to children, families, and the court.