



6th Judicial District CASA

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Thank you for your interest in the Sixth Judicial District CASA Program.

Enclosed is information explaining the program concept and the roles and duties of the CASA Volunteer. If, after reading this material, you believe you would like to be considered for this program, **please complete the attached application form and call the office to set an appointment to bring your application in.**

Prospective applicants must complete the 30-hour CASA training, and pass a personal reference check, fingerprinting, criminal records check, and an interview by the screening committee to become a CASA Volunteer. This process is done to ensure that applicants are suited to this particular type of volunteer work, and to ensure the safety of the children we serve. Not all applicants are accepted into the Sixth Judicial District CASA Program, Inc.

The amount of time required to participate as a CASA volunteer varies from case to case. Generally, a CASA assumes responsibility for only one case at a time. Cases can involve only one child or sibling group. The number of hours required is dependent on the child's/family's situation at the time. Often, much of the work may be done at the convenience of the CASA volunteer, except as it pertains to appearance at court hearings. It is expected that volunteers commit to the program for at least one year.

Mandatory Pre-Service training is provided to prospective volunteers. In-service training on relevant topics is also arranged on an ongoing basis (with 12 hours mandatory per year). In addition, the CASA Supervisor provides continuous assistance, advice, and guidance for volunteers. CASA volunteers are not compensated for their time; however, out-of-pocket expenses such as mileage and long-distance telephone calls are reimbursable.

This program is an excellent opportunity for individuals in the community to become meaningfully involved in helping children. If you think you may have the appropriate skills and the time to commit to this program, please submit your application for consideration.

Sincerely,

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Volunteer Advocate Application

Please Print

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____
E-Mail: _____

Person to notify in emergency: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Employer: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____ May you be contacted at work? _____ Yes _____ No
Brief description of your job? _____

EDUCATION

Formal Education (highest year of school completed) _____
Are you presently attending school? _____
Will you receive academic credit for your volunteer work? _____
Do you speak a foreign language _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, which language(s) _____

AVAILABILITY

Are you willing to commit to one year of volunteer service? _____ Yes _____ No
How many hours per week are you available? _____
As a CASA Volunteer you will be required to attend court hearings for the children you represent. Almost always you will receive advanced notice of these hearings. Will you be able to arrange your schedule to attend these hearings? _____ Yes _____ No
Do you have a valid Idaho Driver's License? _____ Yes _____ No
Do you have access to a car? _____ Yes _____ No

REFERENCES

Please list five references (not related to you). Please provide complete address. These five people will be asked to provide written references.

Name:

Address/City/Zip

Phone No.

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Why do you want to become a CASA/GAL volunteer?

What do you hope to get out of this volunteer experience?

Briefly explain your philosophy of parenting, include the rights and responsibility of both parents and children.

Briefly explain what role you believe society should play in protecting the rights of children and helping a family overcome hardships and remain living together as one unit.

What experience or knowledge of children and families do you have to assist you in determining what may be in a child's best interests? (i.e. parenting, childcare, ect)

Describe any strong interests, knowledge areas, hobbies or special skills which you could offer as a volunteer.