

# What if I have a student with a CASA?



Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), are volunteers who are trained and sworn to confidentiality by a family court judge, to advocate for the best interests of a child or set of children involved in a family court case of child abuse, neglect, or dependency.

## What can I tell a CASA?

Since CASAs are court-appointed to gather information about a child's situation to help determine what is in the child's best interest, it is important that all information you give a CASA is accurate. The Court Order that CASAs are given for each case allows a CASA to receive *any* information about a child, including their educational records and current information about their schooling.

## What can a CASA tell me?

CASAs are information gatherers, not givers. Since the advocate is sworn to confidentiality by the family court judge, CASAs are unable to divulge *any* information about the child, their family, or case progress.



**Have questions? Want more information?**

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A CASA is only involved in a child's case when the court has appointed CASA. When the court case is closed, so is the CASA's role for that child.

CASA's role is to gather information, advocate for needs/wants, facilitate resources to achieve those needs/wants, and monitor case happenings throughout the longevity of the case in family court.

CASAs are volunteers. There are no education, work, or background prerequisites to being an advocate. There is, however, a required 30-hour training and court observation before becoming an advocate, and 12 hours of required continuing education each year. Additionally, every advocate has routine background checks completed.

CASAs provide court reports and recommendations to the family court judge, often acting as the eyes and ears for the judge regarding a child's specific situation.



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