

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) provides a voice for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courts and in the community.

IN NEW JERSEY...



The first CASA program started in **1986** in Newark. The **state office** opened in **2000**.



14 local CASA programs serve children in all **21 counties**.



1,896 advocates speak up for **3,877** of New Jersey's children.



10,900 children live in foster care because of abuse or neglect.

7,023
of New Jersey's
children still need
an advocate!



CASA Supports New Jersey's Most Vulnerable Children

WITH PUBLIC & PRIVATE SUPPORT, WE WILL...

1

Recruit more volunteers to speak up for children

2

Increase the number of children served

3

Ensure high-quality advocacy

CASA VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE...



A child with a CASA volunteer is **more likely to find a safe, permanent home**.



96% of children served by CASA **do NOT return to foster care**.



The **courts accepted 91% of the recommendations** made by CASA volunteers.

“

To give a child a CASA is to give them a voice. To give them a voice is to give them hope, and to give them hope is to give them the world. I believe that with all my heart.”

~ Pamela Butler, former foster youth

VOLUNTEER TO SPEAK UP FOR A CHILD!

Visit CASAforChildrenNJ.org to be linked to a CASA program near you!