

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.

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~ Pamela Butler, former foster youth

VOLUNTEER TO SPEAK UP FOR A CHILD!
Visit CASAforChildrenNJ.org to be linked to a CASA program near you!