

Piedmont CASA Welcomes New President and CEO Kathryn Duvall



Piedmont CASA is excited to announce Kathryn Duvall as its new president and CEO effective June 21, 2021. She brings an impressive list of skills to the organization, led by her strong commitment to helping others.

“The Board of Directors and I are so pleased to welcome Kate to Piedmont CASA,” said Board Chair Rachel S. Lloyd Miller. “She is a relationship-builder, an advocate for children, an active participant in the fight for equity, and a lifelong learner. Her pursuit of excellence in all that she does will guide and support PCASA as we enter this new chapter in our beloved organization's journey. We consider ourselves fortunate to have found such a leader, who embodies the passion for and commitment to children living in foster care.”

Piedmont CASA is a nonprofit that provides advocates and mentors for children in the court system who are removed from their homes of origin, primarily due to allegations of abuse and neglect, and placed in foster care. At its core, CASA is about providing one constant and reliable person in a child's life during a very chaotic and stressful time.

Ms. Duvall's interest in child advocacy was inspired by her time as an attorney working alongside CASA Volunteers. “I witnessed firsthand the critical role they played in the lives of children and families in difficult situations.” Duvall also witnessed the challenges faced by young people in juvenile justice and special education cases, which reinforced her belief that children and families in these systems need dedicated advocates working on their behalf.



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As president, Duvall will lead Piedmont CASA's efforts to provide children and youth in foster care with the unmatched advocacy of CASA Volunteers and Bridges Coaches. Previously, Duvall was the Director of Student Affairs at the University of Virginia School of Law. Prior to joining the Law School, Kate practiced law with the JustChildren program at the Legal Aid Justice Center and served as the Hunton Andrews Kurth Pro Bono Fellow. In both roles she represented youth and families involved in the court system. Kate holds a BA degree and a JD degree from the University of Virginia.

Duvall succeeds Alicia L. Lenahan, who during her seven-year tenure led the organization through the creation of a new program, "Bridges to Success for Older Youth in Foster Care", and the development of the Greater Charlottesville Trauma-Informed Care Network.

"I am delighted to be joining the team of dedicated advocates at Piedmont CASA. Reconnecting with both my child advocacy roots and the Charlottesville community is an exciting next step. I plan to continue CASA's long tradition of service to the children and families in our community and of collaborating with other service providers. As an organization, we are committed to understanding and honoring the diversity of the families we serve. As President, I will strive to lead CASA in a way that builds on that commitment."

Since 1995, Piedmont CASA has been operating as an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization for the children of Charlottesville, Albemarle, Greene, and Louisa, Virginia. PCASA provides an opportunity for community members to make a tangible impact in the lives of boys and girls in the foster care system, by training them to become CASA Volunteers. As the eyes and ears of the court, Piedmont CASA Volunteers help provide critical insight and information to the Judge who must make difficult decisions regarding the child's safety. Learn more or get involved by visiting pcasa.org.