## **CASA Volunteers Needed**

## What is a CASA?

CASA volunteers are Court Appointed Special Advocates who represent children who, through no fault of their own, find themselves involved with the Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) and the Family Court.



- CASAs work on behalf of a child's best interest to ensure that they have a safe, permanent home with the opportunity to thrive.
- CASAs will visit with the child on, at least, a monthly basis; getting to know them.
- CASAs will gather data from the child, guardian, parents, teachers, and other support personnel as necessary and submit a factual and objective report to the judge on the child's behalf.



We currently have 175 abused or neglected children in Valencia County with only 16 volunteers to serve them.

## Complete training is provided!

- Must be at least 21 years old.
- Complete a written application, criminal background check, and provide three references.
- Complete 30 hours of training with 12 hours of in-service training annually
- Have a sincere desire to change the life of a child who has experienced abuse or neglect.

Contact Linda Griego, Executive Director, at (505) 710-5845 or scan the code below.





