



Organization Overview

Name: CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County

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Officers: Jim Funke, Board Chair
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Summary: **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** are trained community volunteers appointed by the court to speak for the best interest of children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect. They advocate for children to be in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible.

CASA Advocates complete an interview, background checks, fingerprinting and 33 hours of intensive training, including courtroom observation. After being sworn-in by a judge, volunteers are appointed to a child or family of children and spend an average of 10 hours a month advocating for these children for at least a year. In addition to getting to know the child, a CASA Advocate also gathers information from the child's family, teachers, doctors, care-givers and anyone else involved in the child's life.

In 1992, eight volunteers established CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County and served 28 children in the first year. Twenty-five years later, our community's CASA program supports 238 volunteers who served 556 children in foster care in 2016.

CASA's goal is to continue to provide a court-appointed volunteer to serve as Guardian ad Litem for every child in need in our community, and to break the cycle of abuse, one child at a time.

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