



MISSION STATEMENT: “CASA for York County supports and provides volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children, enabling them to thrive in a safe, permanent home.”

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION:

A CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is a trained, citizen volunteer appointed by the Court to ensure that the needs and interests of abused and neglected children are being met.

REQUIREMENTS OF A CASA:

- Make a commitment for a minimum of 18 months (1½ years).
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Be willing to donate a minimum of 10 hours per month.
- Fill out an application and submit to background checks.
- Attend 30 hours of training sessions, including court observation time.
- Maintain strict confidentiality.
- Maintain objectivity and professionalism with all parties in the case.
- Possess written and verbal skills.
- Remain involved in the case until it is terminated.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CASA:

- To serve as an arm of the Juvenile Court as child advocate.
- Interview child, parents, foster parents, and other concerned people.
- Review appropriate records and reports.
- Work with the attorney/Guardian ad litem representing the best interests of the child.
- Confer with counselors, teachers, case workers, attorneys, etc.
- Submit written reports to the Court prior to court hearings.
- Appear at Court Hearings.
- Maintain records of findings and document all contacts.
- Visit the child’s placement, and determine if placement is appropriate.
- Monitor services to the child.
- Maintain contact with the program director and submit all documentation.

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