

## *A child speaks out about her CASA...*

"My CASA would visit me and phone me often to make sure I was okay. She made sure all my needs were being met, like the times I struggled emotionally she made sure I got counseling. Like the time I hated being placed in a group home, she went to bat for me and helped me get into a foster home. I had many social workers and was placed in many homes but my CASA never changed."



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## *A Kid's Guide to CASA*



# What is a CASA?

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate.

A CASA is someone who tells the judge what he or she feels is best for you. CASAs do not get paid for this. He or she volunteers their time to help you.



## What does a judge have to do with me?

Sometimes families need help to make sure your home is a safe place for you. A social worker's job is to help your family, and sometimes a judge has to decide things like where you should live and what kind of help that you and your family need. CASAs help judges decide what is best for you.



## How does a CASA know what is best for me?

CASAs learn about what is happening in your life by talking to people who know you—teachers, doctors, family members, foster parents and counselors, for example. Most importantly, your CASA talks to and visits with you. Then the CASA tells the judge what he or she has learned and what your wishes are.

My CASA's name is

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I can contact my CASA at

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