

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Imperial County

What are Court Appointed Special Advocates?

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a community member with the passion and care to become a powerful voice, appointed by a judge, for children in the foster care system.

A CASA Advocate is often the only consistent adult in the life of a child in the foster care system. Currently CASA of Imperial County serves over 400 children each year by just over 70 CASA Advocates!

CASA Advocates establish a strong & stable relationship with a child in the foster care system. CASA Advocates gather information, write reports, and makes recommendations to the court on what is in the best interests of the child.

CASA Advocates make sure the child receives services they need to ensure their well-being. CASA Advocates are able to focus all of their time and energy on one case at a time.

CASA Advocates offer a fresh perspective on a case that can have a positive impact on the child's future. CASA Advocates are driven by a desire to help a child and be their voice, not by financial or occupational duty.

CASA Advocates volunteer their time to make a difference in the life a child.

How can you help?

Become a CASA Advocate!

CASA Advocates spend just a few hours a month with a child they are appointed to. Those few hours can have a HUGE impact in the life of children in foster care. CASA Advocates share their time, heart, and passion with the child and help to give a voice for the child in court.

TO QUALIFY TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER YOU MUST:

- 1. BE 21 years of age.**
- 2. have no DUI's on record in the past 5 years.**
- 3. have a valid Driver's License.**
- 4. clears criminal background screenings**
- 5. commits to 18 months of volunteer service.**

Steps to Becoming an Advocate:

- **Complete a volunteer application**
- **Go to: <https://ca-imperial.evintosolutions.com/VolunteerApplication>**
- **Give us a call or email us!**
- **Set up an appointment for an interview**
- **Attend a 30 hour training!**