

GUERNSEY COUNTY COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

Services Offered:

The Court Appointed Special Advocate Program is affiliated with and under the direction of the Guernsey County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division.

The Mission is to speak for the best interest of the abused, neglected and dependent children in our court.

We promote and support quality volunteer advocacy for children to provide each child with a safe, permanent, nurturing home.

This program is staffed with dedicated volunteers who give of their time to help these children.

The role of the volunteers are:

1. To serve as a fact finder for the court by completely researching the background of the child abuse, neglect and dependent cases.
2. To speak for the child in the courtroom, focusing exclusively on the child's best interests. A CASA volunteer provides carefully researched information to help the judge make decisions.
3. To continue to monitor the child during the life of the case, helping to ensure he or she will be raised in a safe, permanent and nurturing home.

Requirements for becoming a volunteer:

- Must pass a criminal background investigation
- Must be 21 or older
- Complete the application process
- Complete a face to face interview with the CASA Program Director
- Pass all requirements
- Complete 40 hours of training

Funding Source:

This program is entirely run on grants and fundraisers.

Hours:

8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday

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