
TEXAS CASA LEADERSHIP

VICKI SPRIGGS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Vicki Spriggs is a dedicated advocate for children who has worked for more than 35 years in the child services arena. Known for her leadership on youth-related issues, she is a national speaker, a decisive leader and a fierce believer in the rights of all children, especially their right to a safe, loving and permanent home.

Prior to joining Texas CASA in January 2012, Spriggs served in a variety of positions dedicated to child welfare, including 16 years as executive director of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and director of the Travis County Juvenile Court Informal Adjustment Unit. She has also opened her home as a foster parent.

She received a bachelor's degree in education and Master of Education in juvenile justice and secondary counseling from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.



VERONICA FORSYTH DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Having served as community outreach coordinator and as senior child advocacy specialist with CASA of Travis County, Veronica Forsyth came to Texas CASA with many years of experience in child welfare. Her career started in Mexico as a human resource generalist for a soccer club, followed by work as international ambassador in Italy and Mexico for St. Luke's Hospital/ Texas Heart Institute in Houston; chief operating officer for Omnilife USA; and vice president of customer and employee strategy for MPowerlabs. Forsyth's multicultural and multilingual perspective has aided in building international and diverse relationships for the different companies for which she has worked throughout her career.

Forsyth was educated in both the United States and Mexico and holds a bachelor's degree in industrial relations from ITESO, Jesuit University of Guadalajara, and a master's degree in human resource management from Houston Baptist University.



TEXAS CASA PUBLIC POLICY



ANDREW HOMER DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Andrew Homer previously served for nearly ten years as a staff member in the Texas Senate, including as chief of staff. He also directed a Special Senate Interim Committee on Welfare Reform and drafted its report to the legislature. Additionally, Homer held the position of director of government relations for the Texas Public Employees Association, a professional association for active and retired state employees, for more than 12 years. He has extensive experience working on legislative policy issues, and throughout his career he has worked on both state appropriations and complex public policy issues. Homer currently serves as a CASA volunteer in Travis County.

Homer has a bachelor's degree from Kenyon College in Ohio, as well as a Master of Business Administration and a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Texas at Austin.

SARAH CROCKETT PUBLIC POLICY COORDINATOR

Sarah Crockett served as associate director of the Texas Association for Infant Mental Health prior to joining Texas CASA in late 2014. She was the chair of the Prevention Committee for the Child Protection Roundtable from 2014-2016, and she has extensive knowledge of both the legislative and Sunset processes. Crockett has significant experience advocating for children, both legislatively and in her role as a CASA volunteer with CASA of Travis County. She has also worked on women's issues and domestic violence, and with refugees.

Crockett has a bachelor's degree in political science from Northwest Nazarene University. She obtained a master's degree in social work, in Social Policy and Program Evaluation, from the University of Michigan in 2010.



TEXAS CASA INITIATIVES



CANDICE DOSMAN COLLABORATIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT™ MANAGER

Candice Dosman has worked in the social services field for more than 20 years. She has worked with homeless and at-risk youth and in the residential care system, spending the majority of her career to date at Family & Children's Services (FACS) of Waterloo Region, a children's aid society. Throughout her time at FACS, she worked as a case manager for young people in the foster care system as well as a Family Finder/Connection Facilitator. Dosman is a skilled facilitator of family meetings, with family members and other natural supports at the center of the planning and decision making for families involved in child protection.

Dosman is currently completing her Master of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University and holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and criminology from the University of Waterloo.

DENNISE JACKSON VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION OFFICER

Before joining Texas CASA in 2003, Dennise Jackson had already dedicated more than 30 years of her career to children in the child welfare system. She has held various positions in residential treatment centers, emergency shelters and transitional living, and has served as a therapeutic foster parent. During her time at Texas CASA, Jackson has held many cross-functional roles, including communications, training and curriculum development. She is a certified facilitator for the National Coalition Building Institute in the area of cultural competency and received an Outstanding Service Award from the Health and Human Services Commission's Center for the Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities in 2011.

Jackson earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Texas at Arlington.

