

Child Safety Specialist

We are looking for a Child Safety Specialist who will strengthen the capacity of CASA of Travis County to monitor the safety of children living in institutional congregate care (e.g. residential treatment centers (RTCs) and shelters).

CASA of Travis County believes every child who's experienced abuse or neglect deserves to have a dedicated advocate speaking up for their best interest in court, at school, and in our community. To accomplish this, the team at CASA educates and empowers diverse community volunteers who ensure each child's needs remain a priority in an overburdened child welfare system. Through inclusive, honorable and respectful involvement with families, courts and all parties, CASA makes independent and educated recommendations that prioritize children's safety and, wherever possible, preserve connections to their families.

As a Child Safety Specialist, you will support the advocacy team by visiting shelters and RTCs where children to whom CASA is appointed are placed to assess common safety risks for children living there. At the direction of and in collaboration with the Director of Quality and Safety and the Program Management Team, the Child Safety Specialist will analyze and discern any concerning trends at and across shelters and RTCs and make recommendations about addressing these risks.

At the end of your first year, success would mean you have a complete list of congregate care facilities where children served by CASA of Travis County are placed, that includes observations, strengths, and concerns. This will allow informed recommendations to be made about placement for these children.

The Child Safety Specialist is a critical role to move CASA of Travis County towards meeting our vision of providing a volunteer advocate, safe home and promising future for every child in Travis County who needs us.

Use the following link to apply:

<https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs/ViewJobDetails?job=63931&clientkey=6134204B6AAD5458C5AEA1BC7AA3A526>

Responsibilities

- Supplement the work of the advocacy team with youth placed at congregate care facilities*
 - Makes visits to all congregate care facilities housing children to whom CASA of Travis County is appointed to assess for potential safety threats or concerns.
 - Reviews incident reports relating to youth in congregate care facilities and works with the Child Advocacy Specialist assigned to the case to make recommendations about next steps regarding placement.
 - Analyzes and discerns any concerning trends at and across congregate care facilities to report to CASA program leadership and makes suggestions about how to mitigate or address risks.
- Provide immediate crisis response for issues related to child safety.*
 - Makes immediate visits to congregate care facilities, including but not limited to RTCs, shelters, psychiatric hospitals and Child Without Placement (CWOP), when needed, to assess for safety and advocacy needs.
 - Maintains real time contact with the Director of Quality and Safety regarding case related issues and concerns.
 - Makes recommendations about how to address identified risks.

Seniority Level

Entry Level

Employment Type

Full-Time

Reports To

Director of Quality and Safety

Starting Salary

\$50,000

Qualifications

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree required. CASA of Travis County welcomes employees from diverse educational backgrounds and degree programs. In lieu of a degree, at least eight years of relevant work experience.
- Experience in and ability to work autonomously in a variety of settings.
- Demonstrated knowledge of child safety risk factors.

Preferred Qualifications

- Spanish/English fluency is considered an advantage.

Physical Requirements and Work Environment

The Child Advocacy Specialist will be expected to have daily transportation to attend court hearings, staffings, visitations, fundraising events, etc. The position requires a flexible schedule as visits with Advocates may occur in the evenings or on weekends. He/she will spend some time in the office that could involve intermittent physical activities including bending, reaching, sitting and walking during working hours. Additionally, it is anticipated that the person may spend several hours of each day seated at a personal computer. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable a person with physical disabilities to perform the job.