

2023

IMPACT REPORT



TEXASCASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
 **FOR CHILDREN**



VISION

Texas CASA envisions a safe and positive future for all Texas children.

MISSION

Texas CASA's mission is to support local CASA volunteer advocacy programs and to advocate for effective public policy for children and families in the child protection system.

THE CASA WAY

We have an uncompromising belief that we will achieve what others think is impossible, and each of us is an essential part of the solution.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- i. Texas CASA commits to prioritizing keeping families together whenever safely possible, with a focus on child and family wellbeing and stability.
- ii. Texas CASA is committed to supporting programs in advocacy for children and families of all cultures, abilities, identities and backgrounds.
- iii. Texas CASA commits to destigmatizing issues faced by families within the child welfare system.



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LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Texas CASA connects the CASA network and statewide partners to proactively work toward our shared vision of a safe and positive future for all Texas children and families. As a membership organization, Texas CASA provides services and assistance in six core areas: Accountability, Awareness, Education, Leadership, Policy and Support. Together, we work on behalf of children and families across the state.

This past year we were honored to welcome CASA of Milam County to the statewide network as the 74th program in Texas. With this addition, CASA is now proudly serving 220 of our state's 254 counties! Our goal of serving all Texas families and children in the child welfare system is closer than ever before.

An essential role of being a CASA volunteer is monitoring the safety of the children served. Children in the foster care system are at a higher risk of being exploited, and it is up to all of us to be vigilant and help keep these children safe. This is why Texas CASA developed the CASA Anti-Child Trafficking framework known as CASA ACT to provide resources, training and coordination of services. Our newest resource developed in 2023, ***Advocacy for Youth Affected by Sex Trafficking: A Guide for CASA Volunteers & Staff in Texas***, is a guidebook for CASA volunteers and staff on best advocacy practices for young people impacted by sex trafficking.

In the state of Texas, approximately 47% of children in foster care are ages zero to five. This is the largest population that most CASA programs in Texas serve, making it key for volunteers to understand the challenges and needs associated with advocating for this most vulnerable population. In partnership with Child Advocates of Fort Bend, Texas CASA released the ***0-5 Advocacy Guide, Little People***.

Big Impact. in 2023. This guidebook is full of information central to early childhood development and parent-child attachment, with an emphasis on how CASA can help parents gain confidence in themselves and their parenting style. Texas CASA is thrilled to have been an integral part in the creation of such a powerful resource for the local CASA programs.

The Texas CASA team is continuously working to provide tools, resources and training that support all areas of nonprofit management, local operations and quality advocacy. Our hope is to help the CASA network operate at its highest level every year. The work we do wouldn't be possible without our dedicated supporters like you. Thank you for championing the Texas CASA mission. Together, we will build a more promising future for Texas children and families.



Vicki Spriggs
Texas CASA CEO



Melissa Jones
Texas CASA
Board President

"The work we do wouldn't be possible without our dedicated supporters like you.

Thank you for championing the Texas CASA mission."

CASA VOLUNTEERS ARE OF, AND FOR, THE COMMUNITY.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers are everyday people from the community appointed by a judge to look after a child's best interests while they're in foster care.

CASA volunteers are well-trained and work to address a child's needs around safety, permanency, connections and well-being.

They represent the best interest of the child in court, help ensure the child is safe and advocate to keep families together when it is possible. CASA volunteers learn about the child by getting to know the child's family, the child's community members (caregivers, foster care providers, doctors, therapists, teachers, etc.) and the child's legal team (their attorney and caseworker).



CASA volunteers support children and families involved in the child welfare system.

CASA volunteers provide a consistent presence for the child and family. They stay by a child's side throughout the case, advocating first for reunification when safe and possible. CASA volunteers also help maintain and facilitate nurturing relationships for the child while helping to find, engage and strengthen a support network for the child and family.



Texas CASA had the honor of presenting Judge Angela Graves-Harrington with the Texas CASA Judicial Innovation and Leadership Award in 2023 at the Children's Commission and Office of Court Administration's annual Child Welfare Judges Conference.

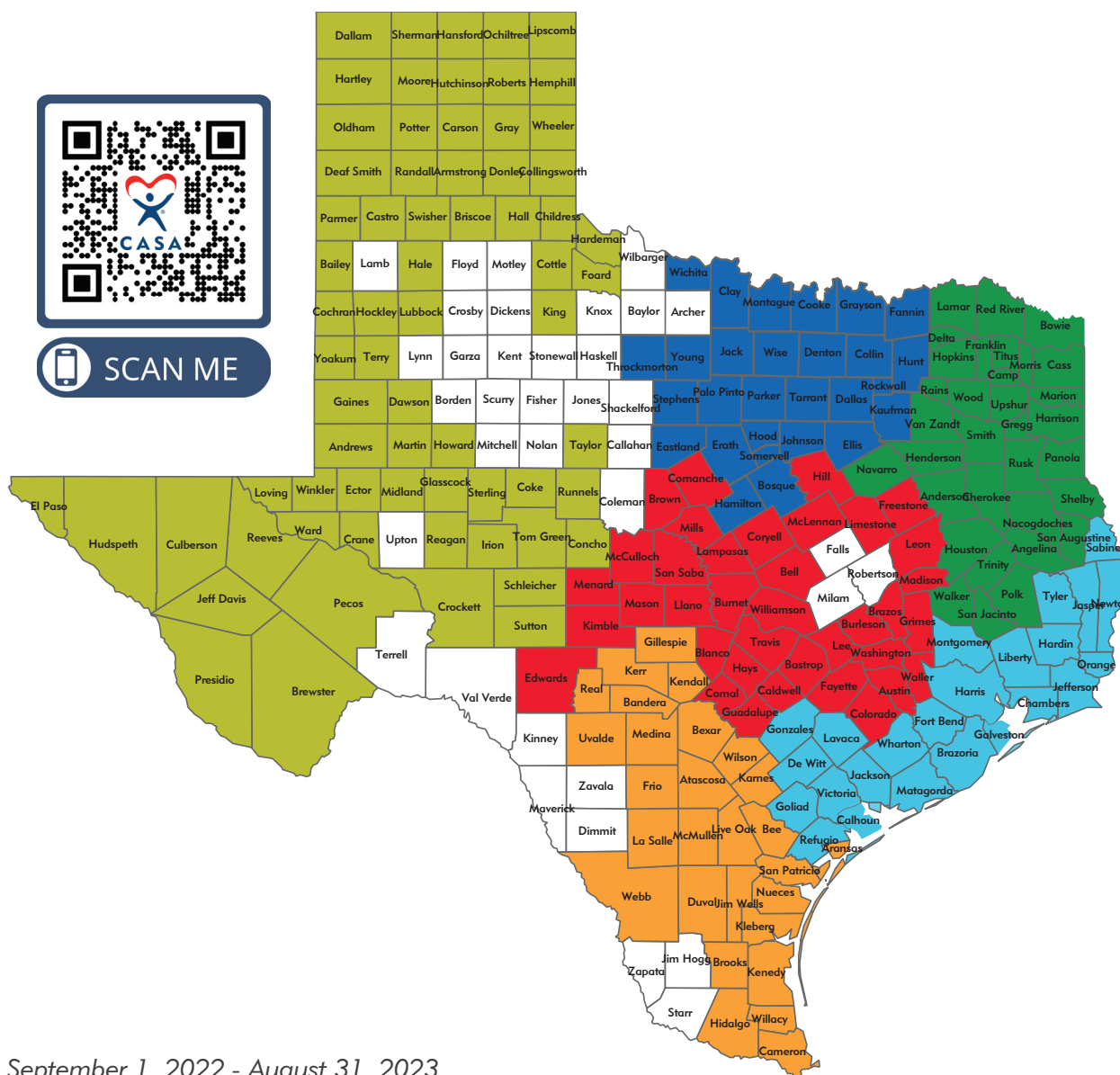
"Our child advocates have been phenomenal. It's all about the collective effort and being trauma-informed and trauma-responsive."

—JUDGE GRAVES-HARRINGTON

Administrative Judge of the Harris County Board of Family District Judges and presiding Judge over the Harris County 246th Family District Court

FY 23 IMPACT NUMBERS*

LOCAL CASA PROGRAMS IN TEXAS BY REGION



* September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023

CITY REGIONS SERVED BY CASA



CENTRAL



COASTAL



EASTERN



NORTHERN



SOUTHERN



WESTERN



CENTRAL

AUSTIN

CASA of Travis County

978 children served
1 county served
14,148 hours served
\$610,352 state funding
\$1,180,512 federal funding
(512) 459-2272

BASTROP

CASA of Bastrop County

165 children served
3 counties served
9,821 hours served
\$127,012 state funding
\$163,750 federal funding
(512) 303-2272

BRENNHAM

CASA for Kids of South Central Texas

91 children served
4 counties served
4,389 hours served
\$95,583 state funding
\$140,402 federal funding
(979) 277-0088

BROWNWOOD

CASA in the Heart of Texas

87 children served
3 counties served
2,977 hours served
\$64,785 state funding
\$98,527 federal funding
(325) 643-2557

BRYAN

Voices For Children Inc., CASA of Brazos Valley

295 children served
5 counties served
7,464 hours served
\$219,036 state funding
\$279,172 federal funding
(979) 822-9700

GEORGETOWN

CASA of Williamson County, Texas

285 children served
1 county served
5,823 hours served
\$148,889 state funding
\$239,995 federal funding
(512) 868-2822

HILLSBORO

CASA of Hill County

120 children served
1 county served
2,433 hours served
\$46,115 state funding
\$97,648 federal funding
(254) 283-5082

KINGSLAND

CASA for the Highland Lakes Area

292 children served
5 counties served
9,186 hours served
\$187,482 state funding
\$218,000 federal funding
(325) 388-3440

MASON

Bluebonnet CASA

58 children served
5 counties served
706 hours served
\$69,929 state funding
\$106,149 federal funding
(325) 347-6474

NEW BRAUNFELS

CASA of Central Texas

477 children served
4 counties served
13,596 hours served
\$307,694 state funding
\$391,044 federal funding
(830) 626-2272

TEMPLE

CASA of Bell and Coryell Counties

235 children served
2 counties served
7,034 hours served
\$122,120 state funding
\$222,914 federal funding
(254) 774-1881

WACO

CASA of McLennan County

186 children served
1 county served
3,266 hours served
\$129,476 state funding
\$224,049 federal funding
(254) 304-7982



COASTAL

BAY CITY

Gulf Coast CASA, Inc.

127 children served
3 counties served
6,861 hours served
\$76,800 state funding
\$158,531 federal funding
(979) 308-4576

BEAUMONT

CASA of Southeast Texas, Inc.

366 children served
1 county served
6,096 hours served
\$169,678 state funding
\$205,219 federal funding
(409) 832-2272

CONROE

Child Advocates of Montgomery County, Inc.

454 children served
1 county served
20,540 hours served
\$324,908 state funding
\$329,431 federal funding
(936) 441-5437

GALVESTON

CASA of Galveston County

292 children served
1 county served
12,503 hours served
\$172,204 state funding
\$229,709 federal funding
(409) 572-2552

HOUSTON

Child Advocates, Inc.

1,280 children served
1 county served
21,554 hours served
\$778,939 state funding
\$1,461,366 federal funding
(713) 529-1396

LIBERTY

CASA of Liberty/ Chambers Counties

120 children served
2 counties served
5,496 hours served
\$132,085 state funding
\$160,863 federal funding
(512) 473-2627 ext 115

ORANGE

Advocates for Children, Inc., DBA CASA of the Sabine Neches Region

184 children served
6 counties served
4,929 hours served
\$101,180 state funding
\$143,854 federal funding
(409) 886-2272

ROSENBERG

Fort Bend Child Advocates, Inc.

156 children served
1 county served
5,271 hours served
\$125,027 state funding
\$184,557 federal funding
(281) 344-5100

VICTORIA

Golden Crescent CASA, Inc.

227 children served
8 counties served
5,249 hours served
\$189,539 state funding
\$213,781 federal funding
(361) 573-3734



EASTERN

ATHENS

CASA of Trinity Valley

440 children served
3 counties served
10,520 hours served
\$248,449 state funding
\$255,470 federal funding
(903) 675-7070

CORSICANA

Child Advocates of Navarro County

56 children served
1 county served
1,790 hours served
\$77,391 state funding
\$95,338 federal funding
(903) 872-3772

HUNTSVILLE

CASA of Walker County

140 children served
3 counties served
4,042 hours served
\$102,570 state funding
\$141,906 federal funding
(936) 291-2272

LONGVIEW

East Texas CASA

343 children served
3 counties served
5,050 hours served
\$204,771 state funding
\$320,326 federal funding
(903) 753-8093

LUFKIN

CASA of the Pines, Inc.

353 children served
3 counties served
6,053 hours served
\$189,906 state funding
\$197,434 federal funding
(936) 634-6725

MARSHALL

CASA of Harrison County

155 children served
3 counties served
5,051 hours served
\$104,207 state funding
\$142,167 federal funding
(903) 923-9224

MEXIA

Bi-Stone CASA DBA
CASA of Freestone &
Limestone Counties

24 children served
2 counties served
330 hours served
\$0 state funding*
\$53,000 federal funding
(254) 424-3640

MOUNT PLEASANT

CASA of Titus, Camp
and Morris Counties

82 children served
3 counties served
1,890 hours served
\$113,347 state funding
\$138,185 federal funding
(903) 717-8940

NACOGDOCHES

CASA of Deep East Texas

172 children served
3 counties served
1,991 hours served
\$95,177 state funding
\$161,138 federal funding
(936) 560-4711

PARIS

CASA for KIDS

150 children served
3 counties served
3,398 hours served
\$90,703 state funding
\$123,722 federal funding
(903) 737-4346

SULPHUR SPRINGS

Lake Country CASA

81 children served
3 counties served
2,269 hours served
\$85,087 state funding
\$127,149 federal funding
(903) 885-1173

TEXARKANA

CASA of Northeast Texas

140 children served
2 counties served
2,110 hours served
\$100,865 state funding
\$146,302 federal funding
(903) 792-1030

TYLER

CASA for Kids
of East Texas

537 children served
3 counties served
9,629 hours served
\$286,968 state funding
\$359,501 federal funding
(903) 597-7725



NORTHERN

BONHAM

Fannin County
Children's Center

37 children served
1 county served
4,409 hours served
\$81,058 state funding
\$116,875 federal funding
(903) 583-4339

CLEBURNE

CASA of Johnson County

120 children served
1 county served
3,807 hours served
\$115,614 state funding
\$162,825 federal funding
(817) 558-6995

DALLAS

Dallas CASA

2,252 children served
1 county served
48,368 hours served
\$1,359,889 state funding
\$1,922,354 federal funding
(214) 827-8961

DECATUR

CASA of Wise and
Jack Counties

133 children served
2 counties served
2,438 hours served
\$70,693 state funding
\$122,569 federal funding
(940) 627-7535

DENTON

CASA of Denton
County, Inc.

562 children served
1 county served
22,550 volunteer hours
\$307,325 state funding
\$388,306 federal funding
(940) 243-2272

FORT WORTH

CASA of
Tarrant County, Inc.

1,005 children served
1 county served
27,291 hours served
\$532,720 state funding
\$926,720 federal funding
(817) 877-5891

GAINESVILLE

CASA of North Texas

67 children served
1 county served
1,694 hours served
\$96,252 state funding
\$127,423 federal funding
(940) 665-2244

GRAHAM

Virginia's House,
A Family Resource
Center, Inc.

57 children served
3 counties served
1,104 hours served
\$51,405 state funding
\$116,972 federal funding
(940) 549-9829

GRANBURY

Mission Granbury, Inc.

102 children served
2 counties served
3,915 hours served
\$99,210 state funding
\$123,881 federal funding
(817) 579-6866

GREENVILLE

CASA for Hunt County

148 children served
1 county served
5,702 hours served
\$130,147 state funding
\$158,348 federal funding
(903) 450-4410

MCKINNEY

CASA of Collin County

341 children served
1 county served
14,996 hours served
\$247,839 state funding
\$324,012 federal funding
(972) 529-2272

ROCKWALL

Lone Star CASA, Inc.

200 children served
2 counties served
4,840 hours served
\$146,097 state funding
\$182,310 federal funding
(972) 772-5858

SHERMAN

CASA of Grayson County

141 children served
1 county served
3,372 hours served
\$97,925 state funding
\$175,963 federal funding
(903) 8135400

STEPHENVILLE

CASA for the Cross
Timbers Area, Inc

114 children served
4 counties served
2,626 hours served
\$92,587 state funding
\$177,723 federal funding
(254) 965-6610

WAXAHACHIE

CASA of Ellis County

86 children served
1 county served
2,650 hours served
\$81,846 state funding
\$118,151 federal funding
(972) 937-1455

WEATHERFORD

Court Appointed
Special Advocates–
Hope for Children, Inc.

307 children served
2 counties served
11,406 hours served
\$182,991 state funding
\$226,815 federal funding
(817) 599-6224

WICHITA FALLS

Child Advocates
CASA of Red River

349 children served
4 counties served
8,814 hours served
\$182,536 state funding
\$245,913 federal funding
(940) 766-0552



SOUTHERN

BEEVILLE

CASA of Bee, Live Oak
and McMullen Counties

152 children served
4 counties served
4,366 hours served
\$104,729 state funding
\$190,683 federal funding
(361) 542-4407

BROWNSVILLE

CASA of Cameron &
Willacy Counties

349 children served
2 counties served
2,682 hours served
\$182,137 state funding
\$251,221 federal funding
(956) 546-6545

CORPUS CHRISTI

CASA of the Coastal
Bend

451 children served
2 counties served
8,210 hours served
\$202,166 state funding
\$291,001 federal funding
(361) 884-2272

EDINBURG

CASA of Hidalgo
County, Inc.

167 children served
1 county served
6,055 hours served
\$136,457 state funding
\$201,238 federal funding
(956) 381-0346

KERRVILLE

Hill Country CASA

113 children served
4 counties served
2,847 hours served
\$136,992 state funding
\$154,949 federal funding
(830) 896-2272

KINGSVILLE

CASA of Kleberg
County DBA Brush
Country CASA

159 children served
5 counties served
2,617 hours served
\$98,145 state funding
\$156,260 federal funding
(361) 595-7233

LAREDO

Voz de Ninos

121 children served
1 county served
2,535 hours served
\$58,893 state funding
\$100,573 federal funding
(956) 727-8691

PLEASANTON

CASA of South Texas

176 children served
5 counties served
4,635 hours served
\$149,874 state funding
\$180,715 federal funding
(830) 569-4696

SAN ANTONIO

Child Advocates
San Antonio

1,035 children served
1 county served
26,598 hours served
\$667,184 state funding
\$978,624 federal funding
(210) 225-7070

UVALDE

Tri-County CASA

46 children served
3 counties served
767 hours served
\$57,642 state funding
\$90,987 federal funding
(830) 426-8848



WESTERN

ABILENE

Big Country CASA

336 children served
1 county served
9,530 hours served
\$163,593 state funding
\$274,719 federal funding
(325) 677-6448

ALPINE

Frontier CASA

49 children served
7 counties served
586 hours served
\$65,777 state funding
\$105,470 federal funding
(432) 299-4848

AMARILLO

Amarillo Area CASA

240 children served
7 counties served
5,329 hours served
\$148,860 state funding
\$223,442 federal funding
(806) 373-2272

CHILDRESS

CASA of the
Rolling Plains, Inc.

38 children served
7 counties served
1,403 hours served
\$65,114 state funding
\$113,277 federal funding
 (940) 937-3180

DALHART

CASA 69, Inc.

84 children served
4 counties served
664 hours served
\$74,797 state funding
\$112,675 federal funding
 (806) 244-2684

EL PASO

CASA of El Paso

415 children served
1 county served
44,464 hours served
\$256,512 state funding
\$492,386 federal funding
 (915) 225-5214

HEREFORD

Great Plains
CASA for Kids

65 children served
5 counties served
796 hours served
\$89,901 state funding
\$122,745 federal funding
 (806) 363-1211

LUBBOCK

CASA of the South Plains

385 children served
6 counties served
11,239 hours served
\$283,233 state funding
\$373,112 federal funding
 (806) 763-2272

MIDLAND

CASA of West Texas

283 children served
7 counties served
5,993 hours served
\$205,145 state funding
\$228,548 federal funding
 (432) 683-1114

ODESSA

CASA of the Permian
Basin Area, Inc.

70 children served
5 counties served
3,915 hours served
\$78,722 state funding
\$114,029 federal funding
 (432) 498-4174

PAMPA

CASA of the High Plains

75 children served
8 counties served
2,471 hours served
\$101,159 state funding
\$136,337 federal funding
 (806) 669-7638

SAN ANGELO

Children's Advocacy
Center of Greater West
Texas, Inc.

191 children served
10 counties served
6,746 hours served
\$167,367 state funding
\$266,218 federal funding
 (325) 653-4673

The data presented is self-reported from the local CASA programs. If you have questions related to the data, please reach out to the Texas CASA data team at tcims@texascasa.org.

**At the end of FY23 Mexia had not yet met the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) requirements to receive state funding.*

THE TEXAS CASA STORY

Texas CASA is the statewide association for 74 local CASA programs. As a membership organization, Texas CASA works to connect each part of the CASA community and empower the local programs to perform at their highest level. At the local level, the programs recruit, train and supervise Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers to advocate for children involved in the child welfare system and improve their well-being. At the state level, Texas CASA provides financial support, training and services to support CASA programs in Texas.

Texas CASA was founded in 1989 from a desire of the original 13 programs to establish a statewide hub — an organization belonging to everyone in Texas where communities could get the funding and expert support needed to form their own CASA programs.



TEXAS CASA SERVICES IN ACTION

AWARENESS

Texas CASA creates and oversees a statewide marketing campaign to increase public awareness, recruit volunteers and reinforce local marketing efforts with billboards, radio, television and social media advertisements.

Digital Truck Tour

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, Texas CASA launched a 19-city Texas tour to bring awareness of the need for more dedicated community members to become CASA volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect in Texas.

The Texas CASA mobile truck tour traveled to 19 Texas cities sharing educational messaging about National Child Abuse Prevention Month and encouraging Texans to sign up to become a CASA volunteer. The bright mobile truck shared videos, graphics, and included the [BecomeACASA.org](https://www.becomeacasa.org) URL where people can sign-up to become a CASA volunteer.



Clergy, CASA & Community

Texas CASA's Clergy, CASA & Community (CCC) initiative seeks to build a network of faith communities and leaders who will commit to speaking up for children in foster care and their families. The initiative began in 2021 with three pilot programs. Thanks to the dedicated partnership between the local programs and Texas CASA, the CCC initiative has expanded to 23 CASA programs all across the state! These 23 programs are working diligently and have engaged close to 200 religious groups as of July 2023.

Continuing Education Podcast

Learning and Development Manager for Pre-Service Training, Margaret Halpin, launched the continuing education podcast in 2019 as a way to provide CASA volunteers with engaging and relevant training designed to help strengthen advocacy for children and families. Each short, dynamic episode features informative discussions with subject matter experts exploring topics connected to child welfare and best practices for CASA advocacy. Margaret's thoughtful planning and informative discussions have been a true success. In August 2023 the podcast hit over 25,000 downloads! The podcast is available for streaming on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Stitcher and Spotify.



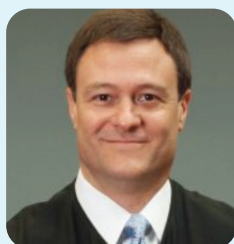
Final Distinguished Speaker Series

The Distinguished Speaker Series was back for the last time in 2023! This year's series *Advocacy from the Bench* was an opportunity for the CASA network and other community partners involved in the child welfare system to learn about four honorable judges from across Texas:



**JUDGE DELIA
GONZALES**

*Associate Judge for the
Child Protection and
Permanency Court in
Dallas County*



**JUDGE ROB
HOFMANN**

*Judge of the 452nd
Judicial District in five
Hill Country counties*



**JUDGE AURORA
MARTINEZ-JONES**

*Judge of the 126th
District Court in
Travis County*



**JUDGE CARLOS
VILLALON JR.**

*Associate Judge for
the Child Protection
Court of the Rio Grande
Valley West*

The multi-part series featured these high-caliber speakers sharing their background and expertise on topics and issues impacting the child welfare system.

POLICY

Texas CASA collaborates with stakeholders, the state child welfare system, and elected officials to ensure public policies focus on issues affecting children and families in child protective services.

CASA Day at the Capitol and Legislative Reception

On March 1, 2023, the CASA network rallied at the Texas State Capitol for CASA Day at the Capitol. The event brought together more than 280 members from 48 of the CASA programs from across the state to meet with lawmakers about Texas CASA's legislative priorities and funding.

In addition to over 145 meetings with legislators and their offices, the day included both Senate and House Resolutions by Senator Lois Kolkhorst and Representative James Frank celebrating the CASA network's contributions. In the House, Rep. Frank honored every CASA volunteer for advocating for children in the foster care system with House Resolution 426.

"They [CASA volunteers] advocate for those who are most vulnerable in the state, and they do a great job speaking out for the best interests of children," said Chairman Frank during the House Resolution.

Senator Kolkhorst recognized CASA Day at the Capitol with Senate Resolution 256. She thanked volunteers for all of the care, emotion and time put into giving a voice to the children.

The night before CASA Day at the Capitol, Texas CASA hosted a Legislative Reception. This new event was an opportunity for Texas CASA and local CASA programs to network with Texas Legislators and their staff in an informal setting.



(left to right) Texas CASA Public Policy Director, Sarah Crockett, Public Policy Specialist, Stephanie Battaglia and General Counsel & Chief External Relations Officer, Amanda Arriaga

"Those volunteers represent what is best about all the people of Texas."

—SENATOR KOLKHORST



➤ **Attorney ad litem (AAL):**

An attorney who provides services for the purposes of the legal action only, including representation of a child, and who owes to the person the duties of undivided loyalty, confidentiality and competent representation.

➤ **Guardian ad litem (GAL):**

A person appointed by a judge to represent the best interests of an allegedly abused or neglected child; in many counties the GAL is the CASA volunteer.



Bills Passed That Impact CASA

Senate Bill 1930 by Senator Kolkhorst ensures children in foster care spend more time with families rather than in facilities by enhancing legal representation, including GAL powers and duties, while children are in facilities and requiring judges to actively monitor progress and the timeline for a swift return to families. When a child is placed in or referred to a Residential Treatment Center for placement, the AAL and GAL must ask the child about their opinions and concerns regarding placement, as well as review information to ensure the placement is appropriate to meet the child's needs. Furthermore, the AAL and GAL may request a placement conference, as well as participate in any conferences conducted by DFPS or the child's treatment team.

House Bill 474 by Representative Hull requires CASA programs to have a grievance policy and requires reporting of active and inactive volunteers.

EDUCATION

Texas CASA brings the CASA network and the child welfare community together to educate and inform for a better understanding of the system and the existing needs of children and families involved in foster care.

In FY23, Texas CASA hosted 244 in-person and online trainings with a live facilitator for local CASA program staff, board members and volunteers.

- **25,253** total hours of training provided
- **446** hours of facilitated training provided by Texas CASA employees
- **9,981** attendees

CASA College Numbers

- **8,769** courses completed
- **17,401** credit hours
- **3,764** new users enrolled

SUPPORT

Texas CASA provides access to information, training and technical assistance so that local CASA programs may continue to grow their efforts to ensure children and youth are safe and supported.

Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE)

CFE is a team-based approach between local CASA programs and Child Protective Services (CPS), as well as Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCCs), to engage, find and work with family members and fictive kin in the creation and development of a lifetime network for young people in the foster care system. One of the goals of CFE is to help children achieve strong connectivity and permanency faster, preferably with relatives or other trusted loved ones. In collaboration with the Department of Family & Protective Services (DFPS), local CASA programs and community partners, we are working to ensure that every child in foster care has the opportunity for lifelong connections.

CFE Symposium

Texas CASA, DFPS, CPS, SSCCs and local CASA programs came together in May 2023 in Denton, TX, for the inspiring two-day Symposium: CFE for All. A total of 237 attendees, including 14 Texas CASA staff, united in support of a common goal to keep Texas children, parents and families (safely) together.

Event attendees experienced engaging learning activities and multiple opportunities to hear from the keynote speakers Dr. Amelia Franck Meyer and Kevin Campbell.



COLLABORATIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



"I have witnessed a family restore a broken relationship of over 12 years as they came together for the best interest of a child, and to have a relationship with other family members. That relationship is stronger now than it has ever been and the child in foster care will be returning to that family soon, with more connections, more family and a life of love and healing."

—KAREN FOYIL, CFE Lead at
CASA of Liberty & Chambers
Counties

CASA ACT Initiative

Texas CASA developed the CASA Anti-Child Trafficking framework known as CASA ACT to provide resources, training and coordination of services. Youth who have been affected by trafficking in foster care need CASA volunteers who are well-trained, connected and prepared to support their specialized needs. CASA ACT is a call to action for the CASA network in Texas. The aim is to do more than “see something, say something,” and to educate, protect and provide skilled support when youth have been exploited. With identification and consistent supportive intervention, the victims of child sex trafficking can begin to heal.

New Guidebooks

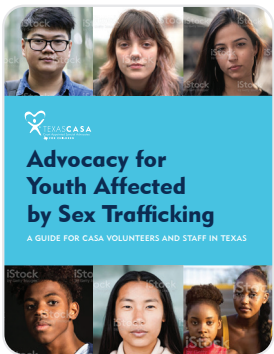


Little People. Big Impact. Advocacy for Infants and Young Children Guidebook

This guidebook serves as a resource guide, providing information, tools and strategies which can be used in advocacy work for children 0-5 years old. Full of information central to early childhood development and parent-child attachment, the guidebook shares tools for how to gather information on children’s health and medical care, monitor children’s cognitive

and developmental milestones, and facilitate connections between families of origin and foster families to build support networks. With an emphasis on how to support parents during parent-child visits, the guide shows volunteers how to amplify parents’ positive traits observed during parent-child visits and help parents gain confidence in themselves and their parenting style.

Special thanks to our sponsor:



The Advocacy for Youth Affected by Sex Trafficking Guidebook

The Advocacy for Youth Affected by Sex Trafficking guidebook walks the readers through understanding child sexual exploitation from the scope of the problem to how sex trafficking happens, as well as, what CASA volunteers and staff can do to provide prevention methods and support to youth affected.

Special thanks to the many groups doing anti-trafficking work in the United States, including Dallas CASA and the Modern Slavery Project at Loyola University New Orleans for sharing their knowledge and research.

LEADERSHIP

Texas CASA provides innovative trainings, mentorship and resources that helps build strong local CASA program board members, executive directors and staff so that they may better serve children and families.

Quarterly CASA Board Talks

Based on feedback from the Texas CASA Annual Survey in FY22, Texas CASA hosted quarterly meetings in FY23 for local CASA program board members to come together and share information on varied topics.

Update to Executive Director Guidebooks

Texas CASA released three resource manuals for executive directors to aid in day-to-day operations for their program in October 2017. The Governance and Administration manuals were updated in FY23. Each manual is designed as an easy, go-to quick reference guide, complete with samples, checklists, guidelines, and materials for programs to help answer questions or to customize based on program practices.

Quarterly Executive Director Zoom Meetings

Each quarter, Texas CASA hosts a two-hour, virtual meeting where timely updates are shared, and challenges and opportunities for the CASA network are discussed. The meetings often cover many aspects of operations, including Governance, Administration, Finance and Risk, Volunteer Management and Advocacy.

"It is crucial for new EDs to connect with each other in a safe space in person."

CELESTE PRATHER, *Texas CASA Program Operations Director*



FY 23 FINANCIALS

REVENUE

STATE FUNDING	\$16,148,920
FEDERAL FUNDING	\$22,901,602
PRIVATE FUNDING	\$846,542
ENDOWMENT INCOME (LOSS)	\$694,587
CONTRIBUTED SERVICES	\$2,283,224
TOTAL	\$42,874,875

EXPENSES

Local Program Support Services & Training	\$35,977,093
Volunteer Recruitment & Awareness	\$4,048,535
Grants Management & Development	\$326,628
Administration	\$1,578,627
Public Policy Advocacy	\$370,338
TOTAL	\$42,301,221

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1. VOLUNTEER. Help amplify a child's voice during their time in foster care. Get started today at [BecomeACASA.org](https://www.becomeacasa.org).

2. NOMINATE. Put in a good word for us by letting your friends and family know they have what it takes to be a CASA volunteer! Nominate them today at [NominateACASA.org](https://www.nominateacasa.org).

3. DONATE. A donation to Texas CASA is an investment in the statewide CASA community and the future of Texas children and families. Make your gift today at [TexasCASA.org/donate](https://www.texascasa.org/donate).



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