



**TEXASCASA**  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**



# IMPACT REPORT

**2024**

## **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.

## **CORE VALUES**

### **Texas CASA believes:**

1. Children, parents and families of all abilities, backgrounds, experiences and identities deserve the highest quality advocacy and support.
2. Every child deserves to feel and be safe and to have their needs met.
3. It is in a child's best interest to remain with and be connected to their parents and family of origin whenever possible.
4. Every child deserves lifelong caring connections with others and a stable home.
5. All parents and family members should be provided the chance to be heard and to show themselves as safe and caring.
6. Every child deserves to thrive; children thrive and heal in healthy, positive relationships.
7. Family is defined by the individual and is not limited to blood or adoptive relations.
8. Every family is unique, complex and has their own challenges; challenges can be overcome and resilience can be built.
9. Collaboration is important for families and the professionals supporting them, and helps to build shared commitment, participation and understanding.
10. Legislative and social advocacy are powerful tools to systematically protect the health and well-being of children and families.



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# LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Established in 1989, Texas CASA serves as the membership association for all local Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs in the state. We support the local CASA programs with training, community awareness, resources and public policy to make a positive difference in the lives of children and families in Texas. Over the past 35 years, we have grown and advanced our initiatives – and this past year was no different.

In 2024, Texas CASA welcomed two new local programs to the statewide network: CASA of Milam County and CASA of Val Verde County. We are thrilled to have these two new programs join the CASA network and are looking forward to supporting the good work they will do in their communities for many years to come.

Also in 2024, Texas CASA worked to advance our own initiatives, as well as those of the local programs. Texas CASA successfully expanded the resources of our CASA Anti-Child Trafficking framework, known as CASA ACT, and created six new critical resources focusing on children in foster care who have been trafficked or are at risk of being trafficked. We also supported the expansion of a Court-Ordered Services pilot program and developed resources for the program like a Family Visit Guide and customizable Parent Brochure. Along with many other successful developments outlined in this report, we also assisted Child Advocates of Montgomery County in developing another new pilot program for justice-involved youth to explore what CASA volunteer’s role on juvenile cases could look like.

We look forward to continuing to advance these initiatives next year and we will strive to strengthen our partnership with the local programs as we work together for the greater good of the CASA mission. Thank you for your steadfast support and commitment to a safe, positive future for all Texas children and families.

*Daniel J. O'Connell*  
*Vicki Spriggs*



**Danny O'Connell**  
FY25 Texas CASA  
Board President



**Vicki Spriggs**  
Texas CASA CEO

# THE TEXAS CASA STORY

**Established in 1989, Texas CASA is the statewide membership association for all local CASA programs.** In this role, we support the CASA network by serving as the administrator of state and federal funds, setting and monitoring standards, providing training, leading a statewide volunteer recruitment campaign, advocating for public policy and more. Texas CASA is committed to partnering with statewide stakeholders and the CASA network to elevate best practices when working with children and families.



TEXAS CASA STAFF AT THE 2024 TEXAS CASA CONFERENCE

**Collectively, the local CASA programs serve the majority of Texas' 254 counties.** As integral members of their respective communities, they recruit, train, supervise and support court-appointed volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children experiencing foster care. Local programs also coordinate and collaborate with other service providers who share the mission of supporting Texas families.



NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS WITH  
CASA OF THE PINES



NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS WITH  
GULF COAST CASA

# THE CASA DIFFERENCE

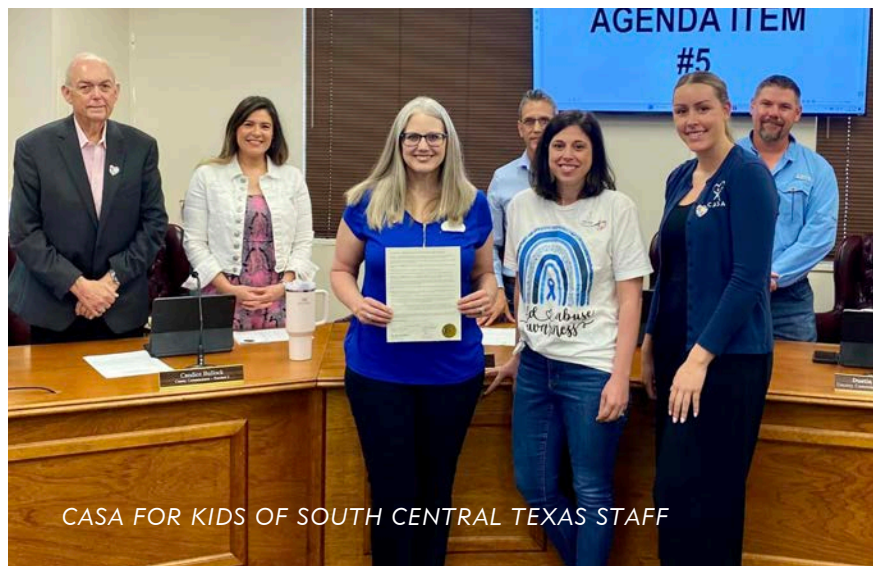


*“I have only been with one CASA volunteer, Mrs. Juli, and I love her. I hope there are more volunteers like her in CASA because she has made my life wonderful!”*

—FORMER CASA CHILD

**A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer gathers information from everyone involved in a child’s daily life,** including members of the child’s family, foster parents, teachers, lawyers, social workers and other relevant persons. Then, they report to a judge to advocate for the child’s best interests.

**CASA volunteers are ordinary people who come from all walks of life, just like the children in foster care they help.** They provide a consistent presence for the child and family, and are assigned to only one or two cases at a time. CASA volunteers take a trauma-informed approach and help find, engage and strengthen a support network for the child and family.



*“Our CASA volunteer made us feel that she truly believed in us and our ability to get our baby back in our home. I mean it when I say that CASA volunteers can make a huge difference in how parents navigate through their case and be victorious in reuniting their family.”*

—PARENT OF A CASA CHILD



# TEXAS CASA SERVICES IN ACTION

## AWARENESS

**Texas CASA creates a statewide awareness campaign to support the local CASA programs** in their effort to motivate and inspire people to become Court Appointed Special Advocates for children and youth in the foster care system.

### The CASA Effect

Our new awareness campaign, developed in coordination with our marketing agency, Proof, will launch in fiscal year 2025. The new campaign, The CASA Effect, is a play on The Butterfly Effect, and emphasizes how small moments today can have a big impact on the future of the children and families served by local CASA programs.



### Volunteer Power Unleashed Summit

The Volunteer Power Unleashed Summit occurs every two years, and was created to be a collaborative and community-centered opportunity for the CASA network to learn from one another. This year's event took place in San Antonio and more than 100 CASA volunteers and staff became detectives and set out on the ultimate two-day challenge: improve volunteer recruitment. Not only did attendees create plans to achieve this, but they also shared ideas for creative recruitment, how to effectively make first contact with potential volunteers, how to use volunteers as sources for recruiting and much more.



### 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. In 2024 the CCC initiative added ten new local programs, expanding to 33 CASA programs across the state! These 33 programs are working diligently and have engaged close to 300 religious groups as of July 2024.



# POLICY

Texas CASA collaborates with various state agencies as well as legislators, judges and child welfare stakeholders and advocates to support public policies that focus on improving outcomes for children and families in Texas

The Texas CASA Public Policy Team conducted eight post-session and nine pre-session legislative advocacy trainings across Texas for CASA staff, board members and volunteers in FY24. During each in-person training session, the Public Policy Team provided three hours of in-depth details about new legislative changes, what to expect in the 89th legislative session and up-to-date information regarding Community-Based Care expansion and the ongoing DFPS federal lawsuit. These training sessions provided the Public Policy Team with the opportunity to hear candid feedback directly from the staff and volunteers of our local CASA programs.



## In FY24, the Public Policy Team partnered with and/or participated in:

- Steering Committee of the Child Protection Roundtable
- Children’s Commission Legal Standards of Representation workgroup
- Children’s Mental Health workgroup
- Supervised Independent Living workgroup
- Core Committee and six subcommittees of the Partners for Children and Families Committee at the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)
- Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCC) – facilitated communications between local programs and providers and DFPS staff when needed
- Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) – Frequent meetings with HHSC & Texas Department of Public Safety to gather information needed regarding the fingerprint background check changes
- Monthly meetings with the DFPS leadership to address issues and discuss child welfare/CASA related concerns
- Member of the Data, Collaboration, Education, Training and System Improvement committees of the Children’s Commission



# EDUCATION



**Texas CASA shares critical knowledge and information with the CASA network and the community** to strengthen advocacy for children and families. Some of our major programming includes Anti-Child Trafficking (CASA ACT), Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE), CASA on the Go advocacy podcasts, Supervisor Training, Assistance and Resources (STAR), volunteer recruitment, advocacy for children and youth, trauma informed care and local CASA program governance.

**In FY24, Texas CASA hosted 236 in-person and online trainings with a live facilitator for local CASA program staff, board members and volunteers.**

- **23,642** total hours of training provided
- **502** hours of facilitated training provided by Texas CASA employees
- **20,552** attendees

## CASA College Numbers

- **8,768** courses completed
- **3,021** new users enrolled



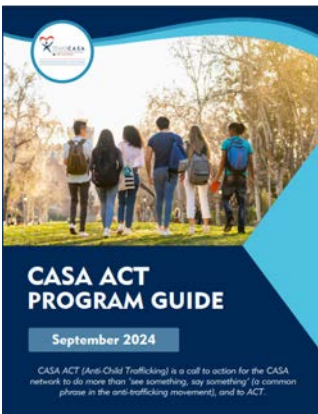
CASA on the Go podcast published eleven episodes of continuing education content in FY24 for CASA volunteers and staff with over 10,500 downloads this fiscal year alone. The podcast is available for streaming on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Stitcher and Spotify.



## **Anti-Child Trafficking (ACT) Advancements in FY24**

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,” it to educate, protect and provide skilled support when youth have been exploited. Read on to learn about the new ACT resources created in FY24.

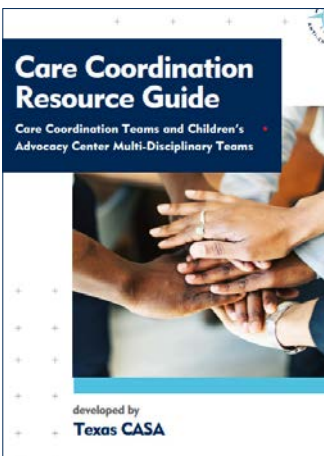
### **New Anti-Child Trafficking Resources**



#### ***CASA ACT Program Guide***

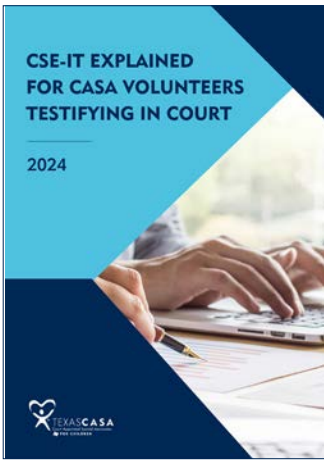
The strategies and recommendations provided in this program guide can be used by local CASA programs that wish to be active partners in the anti-child trafficking and exploitation movement within their own communities.

The guide covers key terms, preventative advocacy and the four stages of starting an ACT program: exploration, preparation, implementation and integration.



#### ***Care Coordination Guide***

The Care Coordination Resource Guide is your comprehensive source for understanding how Care Coordination Teams (CCTs) and Children’s Advocacy Center Multi-Disciplinary Teams (CAC MDTs) work together to support and protect children and youth at risk of exploitation or trafficking. This guide details the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders, including Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers, who play a crucial role in advocating for youth in foster care — an at-risk group for trafficking.

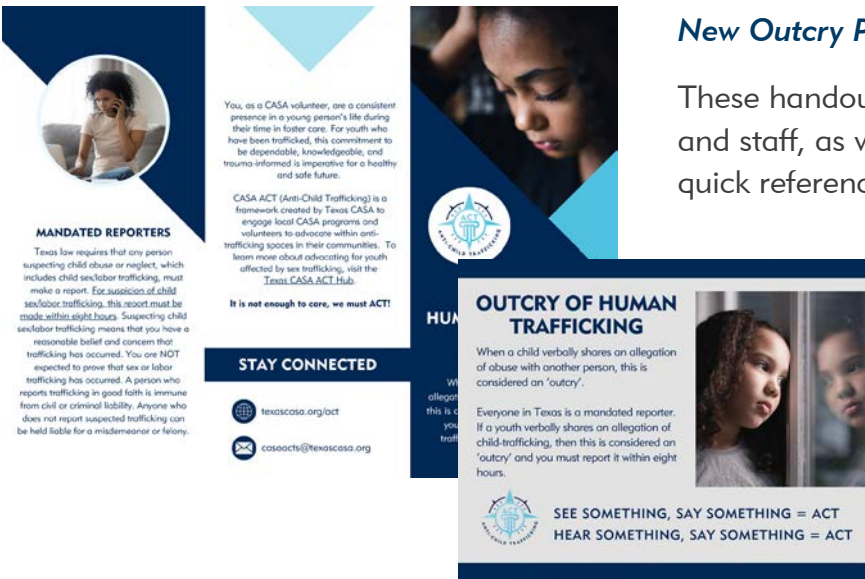


## CSE-IT Explained for Volunteers Testifying in Court

CASA volunteers may be asked about the Commercially Sexually Exploited-Identification Tool (CSE-IT, pronounced “See It”) in court. This guide was created as a tool for volunteers to deepen their understanding of the CSE-IT and aid them in presenting well-informed and credible information to the judges.

The guide covers:

- What is the CSE-IT? And how is it used?
- Screening versus Diagnosis
- CSE-IT Validation
- Court Reporting



## New Outcry Postcard and Trifold

These handouts can be used by CASA volunteers and staff, as well as the general public as a quick reference on what to do if a young person discloses that they were trafficked or exploited. The files are free to download on the Texas CASA website in the Program Portal.

## New CASA Advocacy Guidebook



## CASA Advocacy for Dual-Status Youth, Understanding the Juvenile Justice System

Dual-status youth are children who are involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. CASA advocacy for these very vulnerable youth is critical and can serve as the bridge between the two systems in a way that supports healing and positive outcomes. This resource guide provides an overview of the juvenile justice system and supports a deeper understanding of the challenges dual-status youth face and how CASA volunteers can provide trauma-informed CASA advocacy.

## New Anti-Child Trafficking Videos



### **What is CASA ACT?**

Texas holds the unenviable position of ranking second in the nation for incoming tips on child sex trafficking. These statistics are not mere numbers; they represent lives in jeopardy, futures uncertain and innocence at risk. However, Texas CASA has taken proactive steps with the creation of the CASA ACT framework. This video was created to dive deeper into our call to action to do more than “see something, say something,” but to do something – to ACT.



### **CASA Anti-Child Trafficking (ACT) Stages of Change**

Narrated by Rhonda Kuykendall, former Texas CASA Anti-Child Trafficking Consultant, this resource guides the viewer through the Stages of Change model — Pre-contemplation, Contemplation, Preparation, Action, Maintenance and Termination. The video shares insights into each stage and teaches practical ways to assist youth as they navigate their path to recovery. From understanding why youth may not immediately identify as a victim to providing consistent support through relapses, this video highlights the critical role of CASA volunteers in facilitating positive, lasting change.



### **Experiences of Youth Affected by Sex Trafficking: Survivors' Perspectives**

This video is a discussion about the harrowing journeys of Crystal Sepulveda and Sara Nellis as they share their powerful stories of overcoming sex trafficking and navigating foster care. Their personal experiences reveal the profound vulnerabilities that led to their victimization and the complex challenges they faced while transitioning into adulthood. This video explores the impact of trauma on their lives, the crucial support systems that aided their recovery and their paths to reclaiming empowerment.

A discussion guide was also developed as a supplemental learning resource to the video, providing thoughtful questions for self or group reflection/discussion, and their corresponding answers/information.

# SUPPORT

Texas CASA provides local programs with access to information and technical assistance to enhance their advocacy efforts for the safety and well-being of children, youth and families. We also provide crisis communication assistance, data management, fundraising support and needed resources and tools for all areas of operation.

## Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE)



CFE is a team-based approach between local CASA programs and Child Protective Services, as well as Single Source Continuum Contractors, 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.

### **FY24 CFE Data:**

- Programs utilizing CFE = **74\***
- Counties utilizing CFE = **194**
- Children served = **10,427**
- Families served = **6,117**

\* CASA of Travis County utilizes a different family engagement approach which includes some CFE tools, therefore their numbers are included in the overall data.

## Supervisor Training, Assistance, and Resources (STAR)



The STAR (Supervisor Training, Assistance, and Resources) Team provides coaching, consultation and training to help volunteer supervisors assist the CASA advocates be the best advocate for a child in the foster care system. Helping the CASA volunteer understand their role and the roles of other people in the CASA child's support network allows them to be better equipped to help with their unique needs. Each month in FY24 the STAR Team hosted a webinar with special guests discussing topics such as *Understanding*

*the DFPS Daycare Program and Advocating for Dual Status Youth*. They also hosted an in-person STAR Strengths-Based Supervision training in San Antonio and Dallas.

## Data Team Developments



The Texas CASA Data Team partners with the local CASA programs to jointly solve data challenges. By focusing on user-friendly dashboards, the Data Team aims to provide more usable analytics to help tell the CASA story. Beginning in FY24, the Data Team started working on ways to integrate other stakeholders' data into CASA's data to better tell the story and contextualize the service local CASA programs and volunteers provide.

## Fund Development Support for Local Programs

In June 2024, Texas CASA was awarded with 50 round-trip flight passes from



Southwest Airlines. These passes allow us to assist CASA programs across the state in facilitating travel for volunteers who play a crucial role in the lives of children in need, especially when they are placed far from their community, across or out of state. As a Legacy Partner, Southwest Airlines was a crucial partner in the formation of Texas CASA 35 years ago. We are deeply grateful for their continued support and commitment to our mission.

### In FY24 CASA Volunteers Traveled To:

- California
- Florida
- Illinois
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Massachusetts
- Nevada
- New York
- Oregon
- South Carolina
- Texas
- Washington

**TOTAL OF 31,879  
MILES TRAVELED  
IN FY24.**

# ACCOUNTABILITY

**Texas CASA identifies, disperses, administers and manages federal and state funds.**

We help local CASA programs effectively utilize state and federal funding to achieve their missions. Texas CASA also ensures compliance with CASA Standards, court mandates and state and federal laws.

## Grants Administration for Local Programs

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The Texas CASA Grants Team manages applications, budgeting, compliance and reporting for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) grant, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, Title IV-E for pre-service volunteer training (PSVT) grant and more. Along with their day-to-day technical assistance for local CASA programs, the Grants Team publishes an annual Guide to Grants which provides all the need-to-know information on grants that are administered through Texas CASA, and hosts an annual

grants webinar for the local CASA programs. The 2024 webinar discussed the HHSC and VOCA grant applications, as well as formula updates, timesheet requirements, indirect expense allocation policies, budgeting and standardize language, budget revision highlights, documentation review highlights and annual audit highlights.

## Quality Assurance for Local Programs

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Quality Assurance, QA for short, is a crucial and necessary part of what Texas CASA does for the local CASA programs. Using a three-year cycle, the QA Team provides training and conducts reviews of all local CASA programs to ensure compliance with requirements. The QA Team, all former local program Executive Directors, tailor the QA preparation training to each program's unique challenges and requests. This specialized review process provides a mechanism for the CASA programs to measure and demonstrate their impact.

In fiscal year 2024, Texas CASA completed 24 Quality Assurance reviews of the local programs and hosted a statewide group training in May with 103 attendees from 24 local programs.

# LEADERSHIP

Texas CASA provides innovative trainings, programming and resources for local CASA program leadership including board members, executive directors and staff to develop new avenues for advocacy and excellence on behalf of children and families.



## Program Leadership Connect at Together We Can! Growth Strategy Meeting

In January, Texas CASA brought together local program executive directors and board presidents for an important discussion on the state of the Texas child protection system and the challenges CASA programs are facing. Together We Can! was the first meeting of its kind where executive directors and board chairs brainstormed strategies to

break through barriers to achieve our goal – providing a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one. With 53 programs represented from across the state, the meeting was a true success!



## New Executive Director University

In the beginning of the fiscal year, Texas CASA was honored to host the first in-person New Executive Director University (New ED U). Celeste Prather, Texas CASA's Program Operations Director, brought together 13 Executive Directors from CASA programs all over the state for a full day of learning, networking and fun!

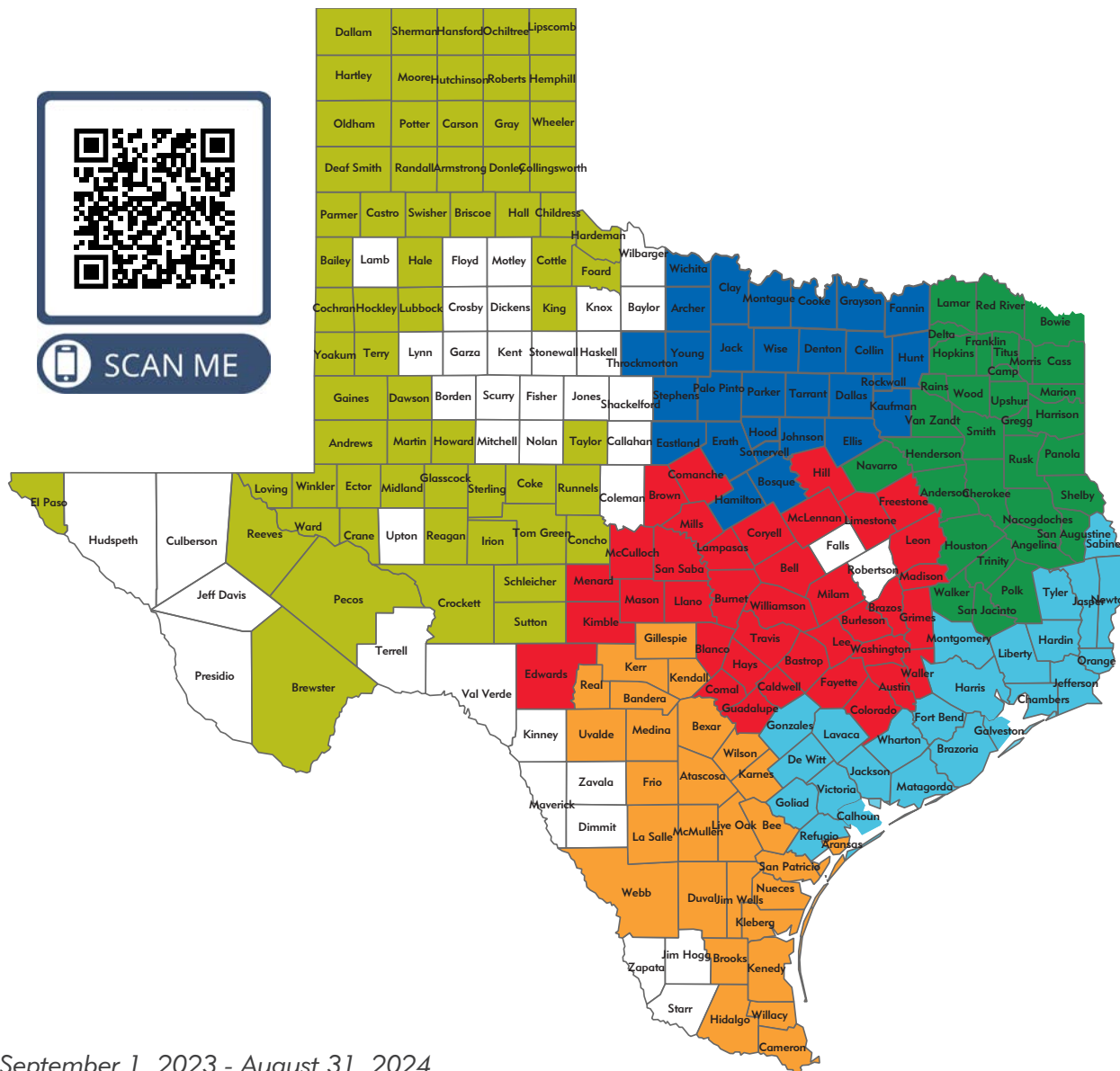
## Program Director Training

In June, Texas CASA hosted Program Directors from around the state for a full day of training and networking. Program Directors learned about management practices, embedding Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) into areas of advocacy, volunteer retention techniques and safety planning advocacy.



# FY24 IMPACT NUMBERS\*

## LOCAL CASA PROGRAMS IN TEXAS BY REGION



\*September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024

### REGIONS SERVED BY CASA



CENTRAL



COASTAL



EASTERN



NORTHERN



SOUTHERN



WESTERN



## CENTRAL

### AUSTIN

#### CASA of Travis County

1 county served  
999 children served  
15,394 hours served  
\$577,199 state funding  
\$1,094,953 federal funding  
(512) 459-2272

### BASTROP

#### CASA of Bastrop County

3 counties served  
131 children served  
6,954 hours served  
\$133,157 state funding  
\$179,411 federal funding  
(512) 303-2272

### BRENHAM

#### CASA for Kids of South Central Texas

4 counties served  
76 children served  
3,275 hours served  
\$113,573 state funding  
\$143,558 federal funding  
(979) 277-0088

### BROWNWOOD

#### CASA in the Heart of Texas

3 counties served  
71 children served  
2,216 hours served  
\$69,108 state funding  
\$101,272 federal funding  
(325) 643-2557

### BRYAN

#### Voices For Children Inc., CASA of Brazos Valley

5 counties served  
249 children served  
8,068 hours served  
\$217,223 state funding  
\$301,329 federal funding  
(979) 822-9700

### GEORGETOWN

#### CASA of Williamson County, Texas

1 county served  
236 children served  
6,237 hours served  
\$163,269 state funding  
\$249,017 federal funding  
(512) 868-2822

### HILLSBORO

#### CASA of Hill County

1 county served  
109 children served  
3,380 hours served  
\$67,078 state funding  
\$120,705 federal funding  
(254) 283-5082

### KINGSLAND

#### CASA for the Highland Lakes Area

5 counties served  
232 children served  
6,399 hours served  
\$180,570 state funding  
\$259,804 federal funding  
(325) 388-3440

### MASON

#### Bluebonnet CASA

5 counties served  
51 children served  
1,639 hours served  
\$79,439 state funding  
\$107,992 federal funding  
(325) 347-6474

### MILAM

#### CASA of Milam County

1 county served  
15 children served  
469 hours served  
\*\$0 state funding  
\$50,000 federal funding  
(512) 429-1336

### NEW BRAUNFELS

#### CASA of Central Texas

4 counties served  
377 children served  
13,056 hours served  
\$312,172 state funding  
\$403,726 federal funding  
(830) 626-2272

### TEMPLE

#### CASA of Bell and Coryell Counties

2 counties served  
248 children served  
7,715 hours served  
\$130,527 state funding  
\$243,644 federal funding  
(254) 774-1881

### WACO

#### CASA of McLennan County

1 county served  
173 children served  
4,037 hours served  
\$107,329 state funding  
\$173,446 federal funding  
(254) 304-7982

*\*At the end of FY24 Milam had not yet met the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) requirements to receive state funding.*



## COASTAL

### BAY CITY

Gulf Coast CASA, Inc.

**3** counties served  
**149** children served  
**5,102** hours served  
**\$77,593** state funding  
**\$157,715** federal funding  
(979) 308-4576

### BEAUMONT

Court Appointed  
Special Advocates of  
Southeast Texas, Inc.

**1** county served  
**329** children served  
**5,045** hours served  
**\$173,150** state funding  
**\$207,436** federal funding  
(409) 832-2272

### CONROE

Child Advocates of  
Montgomery County, Inc.

**1** county served  
**356** children served  
**18,437** hours served  
**\$311,079** state funding  
**\$341,953** federal funding  
(936) 441-5437

### GALVESTON

CASA of Galveston  
County

**1** county served  
**261** children served  
**11,953** hours served  
**\$179,650** state funding  
**\$254,522** federal funding  
(409) 572-2552

### HOUSTON

Child Advocates, Inc.

**1** county served  
**1,181** children served  
**20,594** hours served  
**\$742,372** state funding  
**\$1,281,281** federal funding  
(713) 529-1396

### LIBERTY

CASA of Liberty/Chambers  
Counties

**2** counties served  
**71** children served  
**5,459** hours served  
**\$128,279** state funding  
**\$160,204** federal funding  
(512) 473-2627 ext 115

### ORANGE

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

**6** counties served  
**160** children served  
**4,118** hours served  
**\$106,608** state funding  
**\$175,021** federal funding  
(409) 886-2272

### ROSENBERG

Fort Bend Child  
Advocates, Inc.

**1** county served  
**146** children served  
**5,061** hours served  
**\$119,839** state funding  
**\$210,113** federal funding  
(281) 344-5100

### VICTORIA

Golden Crescent CASA,  
Inc.

**8** counties served  
**232** children served  
**5,926** hours served  
**\$187,911** state funding  
**\$206,918** federal funding  
(361) 573-3734



## EASTERN

### ATHENS

CASA of Trinity Valley

**3** counties served  
**349** children served  
**9,326** hours served  
**\$234,616** state funding  
**\$263,450** federal funding  
(903) 675-7070

### CORSICANA

Child Advocates of  
Navarro County

**1** county served  
**47** children served  
**1,357** hours served  
**\$72,400** state funding  
**\$98,859** federal funding  
(903) 872-3772

### HUNTSVILLE

CASA of Walker County

**3** counties served  
**115** children served  
**3,727** hours served  
**\$110,298** state funding  
**\$148,400** federal funding  
(936) 291-2272

## **LONGVIEW**

### East Texas CASA

**3** counties served  
**308** children served  
**7,642** hours served  
**\$212,305** state funding  
**\$313,728** federal funding  
(903) 753-8093

## **LUFKIN**

### CASA of the Pines, Inc.

**3** counties served  
**305** children served  
**5,146** hours served  
**\$193,568** state funding  
**\$218,531** federal funding  
(936) 634-6725

## **MARSHALL**

### CASA of Harrison County

**3** counties served  
**133** children served  
**5,616** hours served  
**\$108,754** state funding  
**\$143,754** federal funding  
(903) 923-9224

## **MEXIA**

### Bi-Stone CASA DBA CASA of Freestone & Limestone Counties

**2** counties served  
**59** children served  
**1,971** hours served  
**\$32,881** state funding  
**\$69,436** federal funding  
(254) 424-3640

## **MOUNT PLEASANT**

### CASA of Titus, Camp and Morris Counties

**3** counties served  
**74** children served  
**1,975** hours served  
**\$91,054** state funding  
**\$131,275** federal funding  
(903) 717-8940

## **NACOGDOCHES**

### CASA of Deep East Texas

**3** counties served  
**147** children served  
**1,945** hours served  
**\$95,373** state funding  
**\$150,546** federal funding  
(936) 560-4711

## **PARIS**

### CASA for KIDS

**3** counties served  
**152** children served  
**4,453** hours served  
**\$100,961** state funding  
**\$136,516** federal funding  
(903) 737-4346

## **SULPHUR SPRINGS**

### Lake Country CASA

**3** counties served  
**88** children served  
**2,365** hours served  
**\$83,343** state funding  
**\$131,263** federal funding  
(903) 885-1173

## **TEXARKANA**

### CASA of Northeast Texas

**2** counties served  
**131** children served  
**2,350** hours served  
**\$107,496** state funding  
**\$152,258** federal funding  
(903) 792-1030

## **TYLER**

### CASA for Kids of East Texas

**3** counties served  
**487** children served  
**9,248** hours served  
**\$286,116** state funding  
**\$390,748** federal funding  
(903) 597-7725



## **BONHAM**

### Fannin County Children's Center

**1** county served  
**33** children served  
**3,807** hours served  
**\$72,354** state funding  
**\$111,031** federal funding  
(903) 583-4339

## **CLEBURNE**

### CASA of Johnson County

**1** county served  
**115** children served  
**4,254** hours served  
**\$105,283** state funding  
**\$146,458** federal funding  
(817) 558-6995

## **DALLAS**

### Dallas CASA

**1** county served  
**2,004** children served  
**51,575** hours served  
**\$1,310,807** state funding  
**\$1,935,933** federal funding  
(214) 827-8961

## **DECATUR**

### CASA of Wise and Jack Counties

**2** counties served  
**103** children served  
**2,347** hours served  
**\$78,802** state funding  
**\$125,625** federal funding  
(940) 627-7535

**DENTON**

CASA of Denton County,  
Inc.

1 county served  
**590** children served  
**21,777** hours served  
**\$324,955** state funding  
**\$470,522** federal funding  
 (940) 243-2272

**FORT WORTH**

CASA of Tarrant County,  
Inc.

1 county served  
**889** children served  
**23,591** hours served  
**\$579,922** state funding  
**\$927,436** federal funding  
 (817) 877-5891

**GAINESVILLE**

CASA of North Texas

1 county served  
**56** children served  
**1,735** hours served  
**\$97,270** state funding  
**\$121,052** federal funding  
 (940) 665-2244

**GRAHAM**

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

3 counties served  
**44** children served  
**930** hours served  
**\$54,994** state funding  
**\$117,494** federal funding  
 (940) 549-9829

**GRANBURY**

Mission Granbury, Inc.

2 counties served  
**83** children served  
**3,494** hours served  
**\$99,913** state funding  
**\$129,898** federal funding  
 (817) 579-6866

**GREENVILLE**

CASA for Hunt County

1 county served  
**127** children served  
**5,196** hours served  
**\$125,948** state funding  
**\$179,288** federal funding  
 (903) 450-4410

**MCKINNEY**

CASA of Collin County

1 county served  
**325** children served  
**14,284** hours served  
**\$253,816** state funding  
**\$363,354** federal funding  
 (972) 529-2272

**ROCKWALL**

Lone Star CASA, Inc.

2 counties served  
**212** children served  
**5,076** hours served  
**\$150,104** state funding  
**\$188,607** federal funding  
 (972) 772-5858

**SHERMAN**

CASA of Grayson County

1 county served  
**107** children served  
**5,041** hours served  
**\$97,418** state funding  
**\$179,810** federal funding  
 (903) 813-5400

**STEPHENVILLE**

CASA for the Cross  
 Timbers Area, Inc

4 counties served  
**117** children served  
**2,503** hours served  
**\$93,626** state funding  
**\$167,193** federal funding  
 (254) 965-6610

**WAXAHACHIE**

CASA of Ellis County

1 county served  
**86** children served  
**3,091** hours served  
**\$85,047** state funding  
**\$127,546** federal funding  
 (972) 937-1455

**WEATHERFORD**

Court Appointed Special  
 Advocates - Hope for  
 Children, Inc.

2 counties served  
**242** children served  
**10,405** hours served  
**\$190,210** state funding  
**\$215,475** federal funding  
 (817) 599-6224

**WICHITA FALLS**

Child Advocates CASA of  
 Red River

4 counties served  
**345** children served  
**8,499** hours served  
**\$208,876** state funding  
**\$271,688** federal funding  
 (940) 766-0552



## SOUTHERN

### BEEVILLE

CASA of Bee, Live Oak  
and McMullen Counties

4 counties served  
118 children served  
2,574 hours served  
\$112,420 state funding  
\$192,868 federal funding  
(361) 542-4407

### BROWNSVILLE

CASA of Cameron &  
Willacy Counties

2 counties served  
305 children served  
2,990 hours served  
\$191,735 state funding  
\$253,312 federal funding  
(956) 546-6545

### CORPUS CHRISTI

CASA of the  
Coastal Bend

2 counties served  
381 children served  
6,520 hours served  
\$217,371 state funding  
\$307,353 federal funding  
(361) 884-2272

### EDINBURG

CASA of Hidalgo County,  
Inc.

1 county served  
189 children served  
5,170 hours served  
\$131,126 state funding  
\$212,805 federal funding  
(956) 381-0346

### KERRVILLE

Hill Country CASA

4 counties served  
127 children served  
3,366 hours served  
\$123,855 state funding  
\$152,348 federal funding  
(830) 896-2272

### KINGSVILLE

CASA of Kleberg County  
DBA Brush Country  
CASA

5 counties served  
161 children served  
2,001 hours served  
\$101,338 state funding  
\$169,719 federal funding  
(361) 595-7233

### LAREDO

Voz de Ninos

1 county served  
113 children served  
3,493 hours served  
\$69,558 state funding  
\$134,253 federal funding  
(956) 727-8691

### PLEASANTON

CASA of South Texas

5 counties served  
131 children served  
5,804 hours served  
\$137,294 state funding  
\$171,121 federal funding  
(830) 569-4696

### SAN ANTONIO

Child Advocates  
San Antonio

1 county served  
886 children served  
27,920 hours served  
\$631,657 state funding  
\$918,686 federal funding  
(210) 225-7070

### UVALDE

Tri-County CASA

3 counties served  
31 children served  
825 hours served  
\$55,075 state funding  
\$89,274 federal funding  
(830) 426-8848



## WESTERN

### ABILENE

Big Country CASA

1 county served  
351 children served  
9,190 hours served  
\$184,814 state funding  
\$271,791 federal funding  
(325) 677-6448

### ALPINE

Frontier CASA

7 counties served  
41 children served  
723 hours served  
\$65,600 state funding  
\$106,518 federal funding  
(432) 299-4848

### AMARILLO

Amarillo Area CASA

7 counties served  
216 children served  
3,809 hours served  
\$150,747 state funding  
\$220,599 federal funding  
(806) 373-2272

**CHILDRESS**

**CASA of the Rolling  
Plains, Inc.**

**7** counties served  
**24** children served  
**1,235** hours served  
**\$62,920** state funding  
**\$113,512** federal funding  
 (940) 937-3180

**DALHART**

**CASA 69, Inc.**

**4** counties served  
**101** children served  
**1,202** hours served  
**\$73,723** state funding  
**\$107,592** federal funding  
 (806) 244-2684

**EL PASO**

**CASA of El Paso**

**1** county served  
**319** children served  
**57,710** hours served  
**\$252,378** state funding  
**\$440,555** federal funding  
 (915) 225-5214

**HEREFORD**

**Great Plains CASA for  
Kids**

**5** counties served  
**63** children served  
**322** hours served  
**\$77,468** state funding  
**\$118,746** federal funding  
 (806) 363-1211

**LUBBOCK**

**CASA of the South Plains**

**6** counties served  
**397** children served  
**11,558** hours served  
**\$287,139** state funding  
**\$355,722** federal funding  
 (806) 763-2272

**MIDLAND**

**CASA of West Texas**

**7** counties served  
**262** children served  
**6,195** hours served  
**\$211,622** state funding  
**\$247,274** federal funding  
 (432) 683-1114

**ODESSA**

**CASA of the Permian  
Basin Area, Inc.**

**5** counties served  
**44** children served  
**5,334** hours served  
**\$75,864** state funding  
**\$108,632** federal funding  
 (432) 498-4174

**PAMPA**

**CASA of the High Plains**

**8** counties served  
**72** children served  
**2,783** hours served  
**\$97,968** state funding  
**\$139,017** federal funding  
 (806) 669-7638

**SAN ANGELO**

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

**10** counties served  
**151** children served  
**6,421** hours served  
**\$158,792** state funding  
**\$256,893** federal funding  
 (325) 653-4673

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# PILLARS OF CASA VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY IN TEXAS FY24

## PILLAR 1: CHILD WELLBEING



The local CASA programs demonstrate advocacy for children, parents and family as a result of understanding current needs. This takes many forms, from child visits in their foster placements, attending educational meetings (ARD, IEP, 504), keeping up with a child’s Health Passport and other health-related issues, working with youth to obtain ID documents and providing specialized support for youth at risk of human trafficking. In FY24 the local CASA programs provided **105,663 instances of service** toward children’s personal wellness.

### BY THE NUMBERS

HOURS	288,697
INSTANCES	105,663
TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED	18,208

*A children’s educational career is often interrupted or derailed because of their involved trauma, which leads to numerous absences, missed credits and a general aversion to school. In this case, a CASA advocate collaborated closely with educators and school counselors to ensure the siblings received the needed academic and emotional support. This included individualized education plans to address learning gaps, counseling services to help them process their experiences and extracurricular activities to foster their talents and interests. Through these efforts, the young man is thriving in a new school, and his sister is on her way to completing her GED. The dramatic change in their approach to schooling will ensure a future filled with possibilities. — CHILD ADVOCATES SAN ANTONIO*



# PILLAR 2: LEGAL ADVOCACY



The local CASA programs perform legal advocacy services for children and keep the court informed about each child’s needs. This includes testifying in court hearings, attending mediation, collaborating with Crime Victims Compensation, writing fact-based court reports for the judiciary presiding over the CPS case and more. In FY24 the local CASA programs provided **44,313 instances of legal advocacy services**.

## BY THE NUMBERS

HOURS	138,862
INSTANCES	44,313
TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED	18,208



NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS FROM LONE STAR CASA

## PILLAR 3: FAMILY CONNECTIONS



**The local CASA programs actively work towards increasing family connections.** This type of advocacy includes Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) Tools, Family Meetings, contacts with parents, relatives and their support systems and more. In FY24 the local CASA programs provided **40,525 instances of family-centered services.**

### BY THE NUMBERS

HOURS	138,863
INSTANCES	40,525
TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED	18,208

*While working with a mother and her son who is non-verbal and autistic we were able to utilize the Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) tools to help build a network of people for not only the child, but also for his mother which helped lead to reunification. When we began working with Mom she had very few people in her network that were able to help her navigate through her legal CPS case and offer assistance. Mom unfortunately had a strained relationship with her family for years due to her substance abuse and was not from the area. By utilizing the CFE tools and approach, CASA and CPS were able to help this mother build a strong network of support and engage them through Family Meetings. During these meetings, Mom was able to communicate some of her barriers to her support network, which led to Mom rebuilding her relationship with her own mother. With Grandma's support, as well as her large network of friends, family, the child's foster family and community support, this family was able to be reunified and relocated to live with Grandma. — CASA SUPERVISOR*

# FY24 FINANCIALS

## REVENUE

STATE FUNDING	\$28,703,417
FEDERAL FUNDING	\$9,783,455
PRIVATE FUNDING	\$398,840
ENDOWMENT INCOME (LOSS)	\$1,405,559
CONTRIBUTED SERVICES	\$27,075
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,318,346</b>

## EXPENSES

Local Program Support Services & Training	\$35,938,297
Volunteer Recruitment & Awareness	\$1,351,207
Grants Management & Development	\$353,840
Administration	\$1,423,565
Public Policy Advocacy	\$380,207
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,447,116</b>

## TOTAL PASS THROUGH FUNDING TO LOCAL CASA PROGRAMS:

**86% OR \$33,183,362**  
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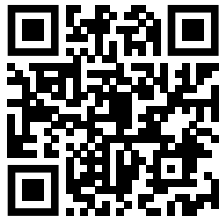
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