

Douglas County CASA, Inc.

Support CASA Job Description

A Support CASA is a certified CASA volunteer assigned to support the primary volunteer on a case. A Support CASA is available to go on outings with a CASA volunteer and also serves as a sounding board for ideas and frustrations about a case. The role is strictly supportive; a Support CASA cannot act independently of the CASA volunteer they support. They do not participate in the advocacy aspects of a case. However, Support CASAs must complete the same training and screening requirements that regular CASA volunteers complete, and must comply with all program policies and procedures.

The extra support a Support CASA provides will help the CASA volunteer fulfill the duties they have undertaken, and minimize volunteer frustration and stress. A Support CASA also serves as an additional positive adult role model for the child.

REQUIREMENTS to be certified as a Support CASA Volunteer:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Be a certified CASA volunteer
- Submit a written application and provide satisfactory references
- Consent to and pass all background screenings
- Participate in an interview with CASA program staff
- Complete Support CASA training (reading and homework)
- Sign the following documents:
 - Confidentiality Agreement
 - Transportation Agreement (driver's license and insurance on file)
 - Acceptance Agreement
 - Volunteer Handbook Acknowledgement
- Be sensitive to other cultures, and not display discriminatory attitudes
- Attend six hours of in-service training annually to maintain certification

TRAINING consists of 30 hours, and may be completed by attending regular CASA training sessions, in appropriate cases only, using the independent study curriculum.