



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Parent Information Sheet

What is a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)?

A Court Appointed Special Advocate is a specially trained volunteer who has been appointed by the Judge to gather information on cases in Juvenile or District Court that involve the possible abuse or neglect of children. In order to collect this information, the CASA volunteer is given a court order from the Judge which allows him/her to interview anyone who has been involved with the family - parents, children, social workers, foster parents, teachers, day care workers, doctors, counselors, neighbors, etc. After conducting these interviews, the CASA volunteer prepares written reports for the court, attends hearings and advocates for the best interest of the child.

What can I expect from a CASA Volunteer?

The CASA volunteer will need to meet with you and your children individually. The volunteer will:

- Monitor your progress with your service plan
- Observe visits between you and your child
- Make scheduled and unannounced visits to your home
- Continue to meet with your social worker and other professionals who are providing services to your family

The Role of the CASA Volunteer

The role of the CASA volunteer is to gather information for the Court and advocate for the best interest of the child. The CASA volunteer does **NOT** serve as an attorney, social worker or counselor. The CASA volunteer does not transport children or case participants, supervise visits or take custody of children at any time.

Your CASA Volunteer

The CASA volunteer who has been appointed to your child's case is

To contact this volunteer or to further discuss the role of CASA, please call **(508) 757-9877**.