



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN



**ALL CHILDREN
DESERVE TO THRIVE**

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

IMPACT

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

We're proud to report in the last fiscal year, 89% of all money raised went directly towards advocacy efforts.

The Child Care Contribution Tax Credit can provide a sizable tax benefit for donors who financially support charities focused on the care and development of children in Colorado. When a qualifying donation of \$500 or more is made to Advocates for Children CASA, the Child Care Contribution Tax Credit may allow a donor to claim a tax credit equal to 50% of the total donation. Please consult with your tax advisor.

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DONATE YOUR STOCKS

First contact the company where the stock is held, and let them know you would like to donate shares to a charity whose account is held at Charles Schwab. They will have a specific form to send to Charles Schwab. Next, please reach out to a member of our Development Team for additional information or to connect with our account manager.



SPONSOR AN EVENT

We host a variety of events throughout the year and are always eager to work with terrific community partners interested in donating through event sponsorships. Covering the cost of events allows for sponsors to receive extensive recognition and marketing opportunities as well as allows all donations made to go directly back to our kids.



INQUIRE ABOUT EMPLOYER MATCHES

Did you know that approximately 65% of large companies and 28% of small to mid-size companies offer some type of match for either monetary donations or employee volunteer hours? Check with your workplace today to see if your contributions to Advocates for Children CASA may be matched!



GIVE PART OR ALL OF YOUR TAX REFUND

If you get a state income tax refund, you have a new opportunity to donate some or all of it to support our ongoing work. Just enter Advocates for Children CASA and our registration number (20023003345) in the Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit Fund line on your state income tax return – or just give this info to your tax preparer.



ENROLL IN KING SOOPERS REWARDS

Please visit kingsoopers.com. Once logged in, please search for Advocates for Children CASA either by name or VA631 and then click Enroll. (New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card.) Advocates for Children CASA will then receive a portion of every dollar you spend!

CASA VOLUNTEERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND

CASA Volunteer Kerri was first assigned to her case in December of 2015. Her case involved a 14-year-old named JoJo who had recently been placed in foster care as a result of physical abuse at the hands of her mother and her mother's boyfriend. At first, JoJo was slow to trust CASA Kerri. For several months CASA Kerri would leave her weekly visits with JoJo not feeling like she was having any real impact and being unsure how JoJo felt about her. Nonetheless, CASA Kerri continued to arrive for her weekly visits with JoJo and slowly but surely the two began to bond. Somedays JoJo would not feel up for talking so they would just go on a quiet walk around JoJo's foster home neighborhood. Other days, JoJo would be frustrated by something that was happening on her case or at school and they would vent and cry as CASA Kerri listened and supported them.

CASA Kerri was and is a true constant for JoJo as their case went on for over five years. There were times when JoJo was so exhausted by being in foster care that they refused to talk to almost anyone but even in these dark moments, they would always answer CASA Kerri's calls. CASA Kerri was the first-person JoJo wanted to talk to about anything and everything, including when they opened up to CASA Kerri about how they are nonbinary.

At age 18, JoJo emancipated from foster care. With CASA Kerri's encouragement and support, JoJo enrolled in college. Even though JoJo's case is closed, CASA Kerri remains as present as ever in JoJo's life and we have no doubt they have formed a lifelong connection.

2022 IN REVIEW

731 CHILDREN SERVED
15,356 HOURS VOLUNTEERED
141,172 MILES DRIVEN
\$63,653 EXPENSES DONATED
\$1,272,152 TAX DOLLARS SAVED

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**"WHEN I GROW UP,
I WANT TO BE
A CASA."**

BENNY, AGE 9, FORMER CASA YOUTH

MISSION & VISION

IT IS OUR MISSION TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR OTHER LIFE CHALLENGES BY CONNECTING THEM WITH VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES AND ACTIVATING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.



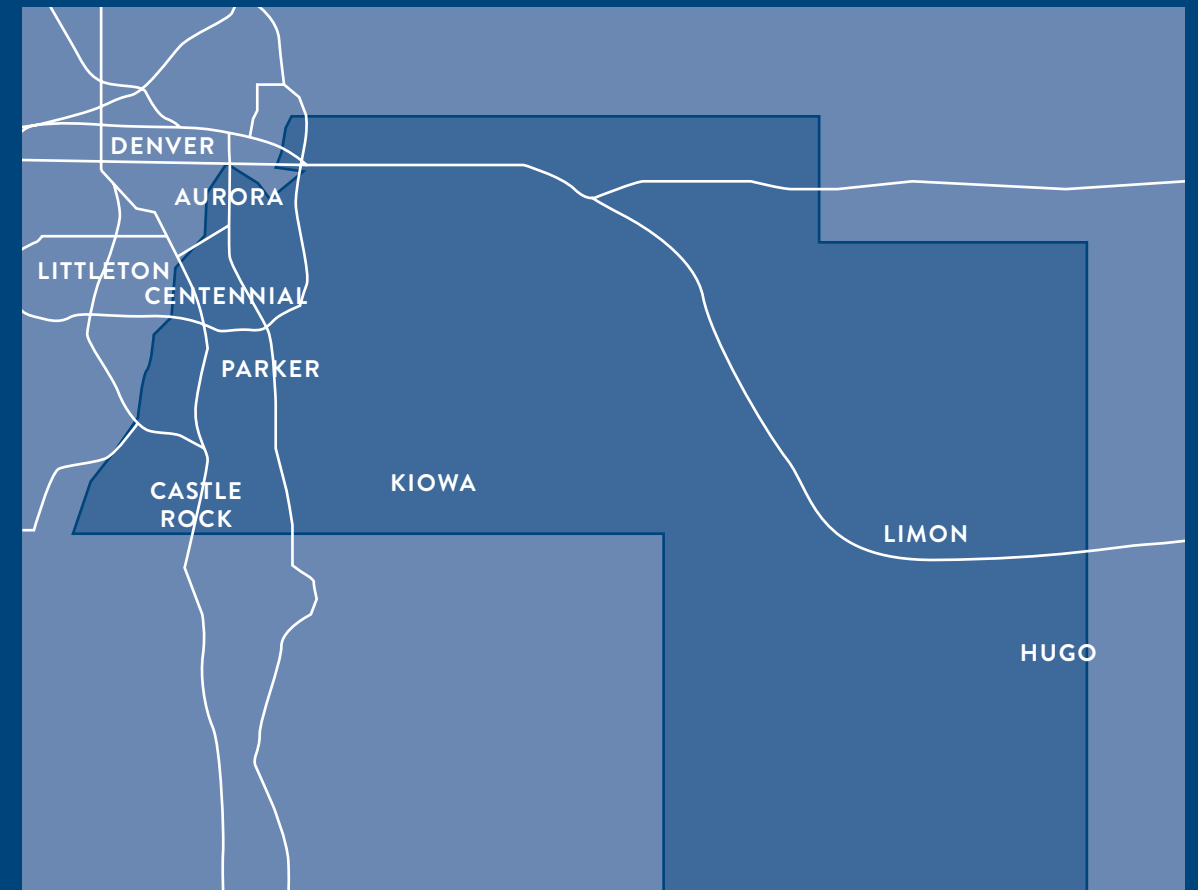
“For me, the most gratifying part of being a volunteer is just knowing the impact you can have on these kids. Ultimately, they just need a little bit of guidance. You can really be that calm person who helps navigate these very scary situations that

involve the court system, human services, attorneys, and the list goes on. You can really help change the course of these children’s lives forever.”

JACKIE, CASA VOLUNTEER

MISSION & VISION

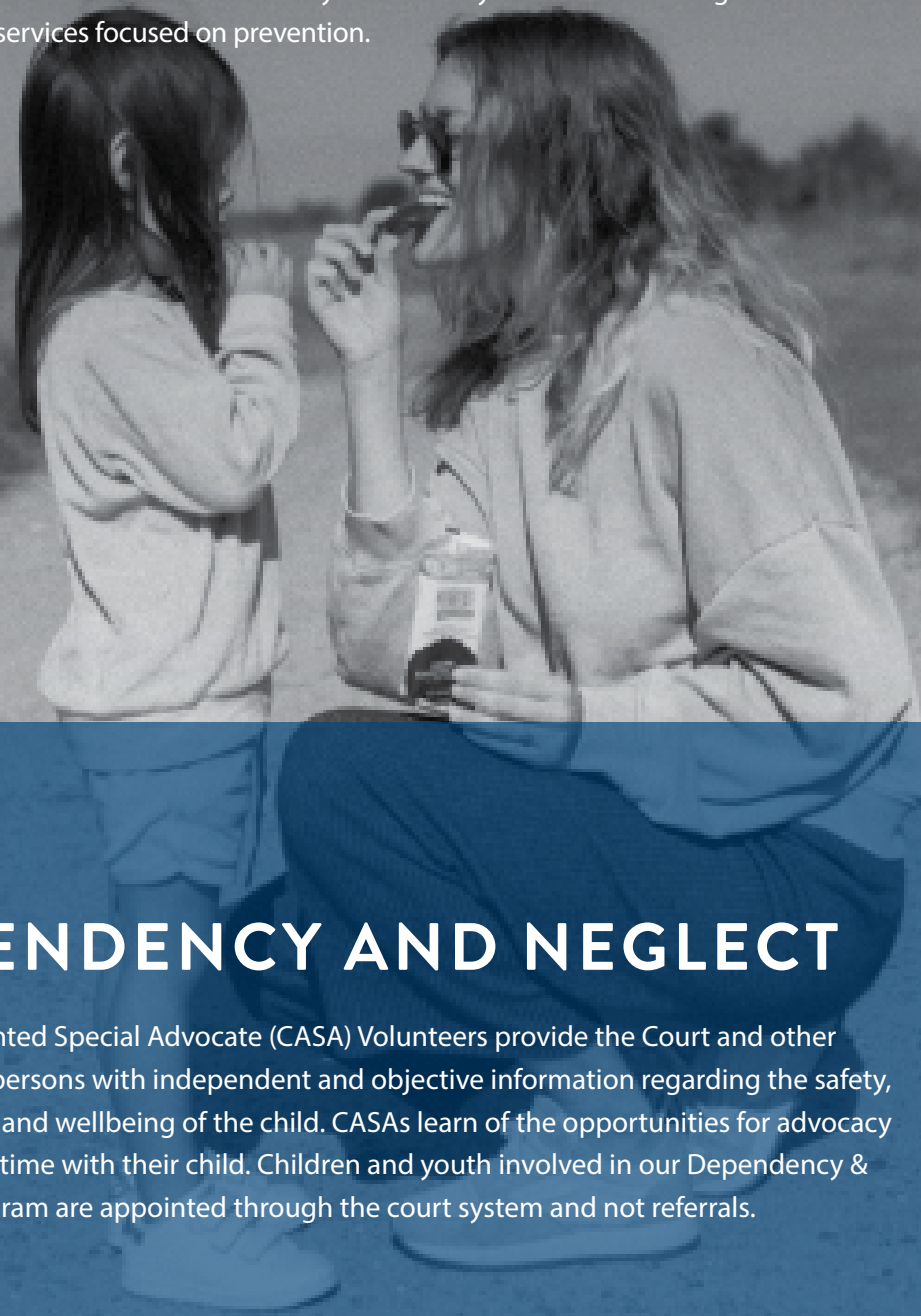
IT IS OUR VISION THAT ALL CHILDREN DREAM, THRIVE AND GROW WITH A SENSE OF BELONGING AND EMPOWERMENT TO BUILD A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE.



We currently work in Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln counties. Over the last year we expanded our services into Kit Carson County, which previously did not have a CASA program. We want to ensure children in need of our services, near and far, can access and receive support from our programs.

CASA VOLUNTEERS ARE EVERYDAY PEOPLE TRAINED TO ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED AND NEGLECTED.

Advocates for Children CASA was founded over 37 years ago as a response to child abuse and to help provide children who had been abused and neglected a voice in the courtroom. We've learned a lot about our community in those 37 years and have recognized the need for wraparound services focused on prevention.



1 DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteers provide the Court and other responsible persons with independent and objective information regarding the safety, permanency and wellbeing of the child. CASAs learn of the opportunities for advocacy by spending time with their child. Children and youth involved in our Dependency & Neglect program are appointed through the court system and not referrals.

2 SAFE BABIES COURT

80% OF BRAIN DEVELOPMENT OCCURS WITHIN THE FIRST 1,000 DAYS OF A BABIES LIFE

Safe Babies Court is a program that focuses on children between the ages of 0-3. This program is a collaborative effort with our community partners and

recognizes infants and toddlers present unique needs and their cases should be approached differently than those involving older children.

Our communities saw chronic absenteeism, with students of color disproportionately represented, more than double during the 2020-21 school year, rising to 23% from 10% the year prior.



55.4% of students in foster care moved into or out of their district in a school year.

3 TUTORING PROGRAM

Our Tutoring program was developed to address the increased need for educational support as our children who are involved in child welfare are moved from placement to placement and school to school.

4 TRUANCY PROGRAM

LESS THAN ONE IN FOUR STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL IN FOUR YEARS

Our Truancy program assigns CASA volunteers to cases that are open due to underlying barriers that are keeping children out of school. The purpose

of this program is to get ahead of any issues going on at home before it leads to the need to open a Dependency & Neglect Case.

5 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASAS

ONCE ARRESTED, CHILDREN OF COLOR OR SPECIAL NEEDS ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS.

Our Juvenile Delinquency CASA program assigns volunteers to youth with an open case in the juvenile justice system. These

volunteers focus on the youth's strengths and actionable goals as they provide ongoing support and advocacy.

6 LEGACY PROJECT

Our Legacy Project focuses on serving youth between the ages of 13-23 who need support in becoming self-sufficient.

These youth are paired with a mentor who works with them on acquiring life skills, goal setting, and resource navigation within the community, so they can become independent adults.

7 DOUGLAS COUNTY COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Douglas County Collaborative Management Program [DCCMP] serves Douglas County youth, families, and agencies by providing a collaborative format to have a productive dialogue regarding appropriate, effective, and

efficient service delivery and access. DCCMP also seeks to build more collaborative policies and procedures on the state and local platforms.

8 FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM

25% OF FOSTER YOUTH WILL BECOME HOMELESS WITHIN FOUR YEARS AFTER FOSTER CARE

Foundations helps connect older youth with housing vouchers while providing mentorship focusing on stability and financial literacy. This newest program

addresses a need we have gotten questions about for years, providing housing support for young adults no longer in foster care.

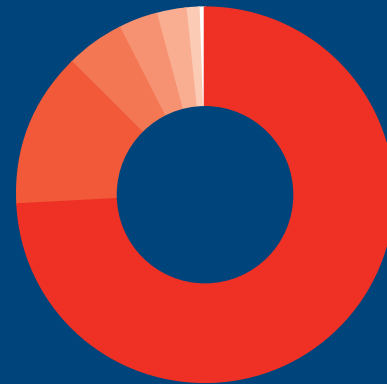
“I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME SO MUCH. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE. I’M VERY GRATEFUL YOU’VE BE THERE TO HELP GUIDE ME THROUGH THIS CONFUSING PROCESS.”

MACEY, AGE 17, TO HER CASA VOLUNTEER DELILAH

DIVERSITY DATA

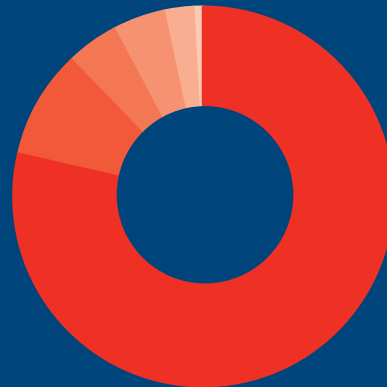
18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BY RACE

- 64.4% | White
- 16.5% | Hispanic or Latino
- 7.0% | Black or African American
- 5.9% | Asian
- 5.0% | Two or More Races
- 0.4% | American Indian and Alaska Native
- 0.2% | Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander



VOLUNTEERS ON CASES BY RACE

- 80.6% | White
- 5.5% | Black or African American
- 4.4% | Hispanic or Latino
- 3.6% | Asian
- 3.3% | Unknown
- 2.2% | Two or More Races
- 0.5% | American Indian and Alaska Native



CHILDREN SERVED WITH A VOLUNTEER BY RACE

- 43.0% | White
- 21.2% | Black or African American
- 15.5% | Hispanic or Latino
- 13.8% | Two or More Races
- 4.6% | Unknown
- 1.0% | American Indian or Alaska Native
- 0.9% | Asian



OUR FINANCIALS

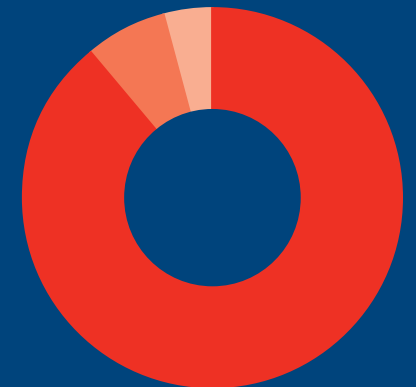
FUNDING SOURCES

- 9% | Government Funding
- 18% | Grants
- 18% | Events
- 52% | Individual
- 3% | Other



EXPENSES

- 89% | Program
- 7% | Fundraising
- 4% | Management and General



TAXPAYER VALUE

Includes number of volunteer hours, dollars spent directly by volunteers, and the cost to support a CASA Volunteer

Number of volunteers hours based on Sector National Value Non Profits conversion	\$389,228.52
Dollars Spent	\$46,073.60
Cost to Support number of children served in the last year	\$736,850.40
TOTAL	\$1,172,152.52



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