



CHILD ADVOCATES NEEDED

The Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) of Delaware is expanding its efforts to represent the interests of abused and neglected children in Court. The program is seeking qualified adults to serve as CASA volunteers. CASA is a part of the Office of the Child Advocate.

CASA volunteers are trained members of the community who are appointed by a Family Court Judges to speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Court proceedings. The CASA volunteer conducts an independent investigation into the child's life and provides information and recommendations to the Judge in the case. CASA volunteers work with attorneys, social workers, and family members to attain the goal of a safe and permanent home for each child.

CASA volunteers have varied professional, educational and ethnic backgrounds. They are selected on the basis of their objectivity, competence and commitment. Each volunteer accepted into the program must complete 30 hours of initial training. Casework supervision is provided by full time Program Coordinators from The Office of the Child Advocate.

Recent legislation now ensures that each child or youth experiencing foster care in Delaware is represented by an attorney. However, **only half of these children have a CASA!**

*The problems of child abuse and neglect belong to all of us.
Be part of the solution. Be a CASA volunteer.*

Classes are forming now for Summer Training statewide!

For information and application you may

Visit our website <http://courts.delaware.gov/childadvocate>

Call the CASA office at the Office of the Child Advocate (302) 255-1731 or 255-1730

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