



EL DORADO COUNTY

Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer Description

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to working one-on-one with children in the foster system. As a volunteer Advocate, you'll receive training on how to support children who have suffered from abuse or neglect and how to find resources they need.

The objective of the CASA is:

- Advocate on behalf of children involved in court proceedings within the El Dorado County Dependency Courts.
- Ensure that the best interest of the child is represented and provide necessary feedback to the court.

The role of the CASA

- Be the child's voice throughout the case.
- Establish a relationship with the child through regular visitation.
- Review official court records and reports regarding your case.
- Gather information and provide recommendations based on your findings.
- Submit written reports and be prepared to present in court.

Requirements

- Must be over the age of 21
- Serve as a positive representative of the CASA program and its goals, objectives and philosophy.
- Successfully complete a background screening and finger printing
- Complete 30 hours of training (15 classroom hours and 15 independent Study)
- Attend 1 session of Court Observation
- Provide current drivers license and insurance information
- Serve as a mandated reporter
- Attend Continuing Education

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