



Jersey County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

CASA is a national nonprofit network supporting and promoting court appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children. It was created to ensure the abuse and neglect some children may suffer at home does not continue at the hands of the child welfare and juvenile court system. CASA Advocates in Jersey County are appointed by Judge Eric Pistorius to be a voice for children in court and to watch over the children in their foster care placements, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in an inappropriate group or foster homes. Advocates visit with the children assigned until their court case is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home.

Jersey County CASA has an Executive Director and a number of advocates who check on children who are adjudged a ward of the court due to abuse or neglect. The program is governed by a CASA Board of Directors .

We welcome you to get to know Jersey County CASA. There are many ways you can support our local CASA:

- Consider becoming a volunteer CASA Advocate, or refer someone you know. Advocate training occurs once per year and consists of 30 classroom hours of training and 6 hours of court observation.
- Participate in our fundraisers including our Annual Taste of the Tri County.
- Join FRIENDS OF CASA by making a financial donation, possibly to offset your income tax burden. We are a 501c3 charitable entity and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. All money donated from the local community stays in Jersey County.

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