

**Advocate Spotlight**

This month we would like to spotlight ALL of our wonderful CASA volunteers. We are so very thankful for all of our volunteers who have chosen to give their time to serve the children in our community! Without the dedication of our volunteers, CASA’s efforts would be futile! Thank you for being selfless, generous, thoughtful volunteers! You have helped and continue to help make a difference in the lives of others!

“*The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others*”

- DeAnn Hollis

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Congratulations to our newest CASA volunteer advocates! They were virtually sworn in by Judge Redd this month! Please join us in welcoming Rachel G., Mary A., Megan S., Lyndee B., Derrick B., Mel H., Reginald W., Jacey B., Susan B., and Melissa P.! Thank you all for making the decision to dedicate time and effort for the children of our community!

“*At the end of the day it’s not about what you have or even what you’ve accomplished… it’s about who you’ve lifted up, who you’ve made better. It’s about what you’ve given back.*”

– Denzel Washington

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**Children and Mental Health**

by: The National Institute of Mental Health

How is this article relevant to CASA?

One of the key elements of our advocacy as CASA is the health and wellbeing of the children we serve. Being able to recognize the difference between normal child development and mental health difficulties will help you know when a mental health assessment should be recommended. This article explains what to look for, and when to seek help for your CASA child.

*Volunteers if you would like to receive in-service credit for this article, please turn in a paragraph review after reading the article.*

**CASA DIVISION UPDATE:**

Our program is currently serving 88 children within 51 cases in our community!

We are now actively seeking new CASA Volunteer Advocates! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a voice for a child in foster care, please contact michaelynn@fyca.org or call 337-436-9533 for more information.

CASA Volunteer Advocate Trainings are offered virtually and monthly! For more information contact Michaelynn.

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For more information about CASA, A Division of Family & Youth

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