

# THE CASA ADVOCATE

Court Appointed Special Advocates, A Division of Family and Youth

April – June 2022 Edition



## Advocate Spotlight



“Every child is one caring adult away from being a success story”



### May 18 is CASA Volunteer Appreciation Day!

During this quarter, there was a total of 72 children who had a CASA Volunteer assigned to them.

None of what we do would be possible without each and every one of our volunteers giving their time and love to the children we serve.

As a CASA volunteer, your passion for impacting the lives of foster care youth could not be more evident. We thank you for your hard work!

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.”

– Elizabeth Andrew

## Welcome to our CASA team!



Pictured Left to Right:

Anya Miller, Judge Guillory, Autumn Taylor, Kristi Blankenship

On June 14, 2022 three new CASA volunteers were sworn-in by Judge Cynthia Guillory. Thank you for dedicating your time and effort to be a voice for the most vulnerable children in our community. Good luck on your advocacy journey!

## Our Recent Fundraiser



On May 12, 2022, EXIT Realty held a fundraiser and agreed to match the funds raised by ticket drop auction benefiting CASA, a Division of Family & Youth.

Thanks to the efforts of EXIT Realty and the community, a total of \$11,084.57 was raised for our CASA program!

## Supporting Successful Reunifications

by : Children's Bureau

### How is this article relevant to CASA?

Based on data from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System, reunification is the most common goal for children in out-of-home care as well as the most common outcome for children leaving care. This article discusses system wide strategies and practices that support reunification and prevent reentry. When we recommend the goal reunification as CASA volunteers, it's important for us to help advocate for services that can prevent reentry into the system.

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

[Link: https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/supporting\\_reunification.pdf](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/supporting_reunification.pdf)

## CASA DIVISION UPDATE:

Our program is currently serving 198 children across 116 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 [crystar@fyca.org](mailto:crystar@fyca.org) or call 337-436-9533 for more information.

**CASA Volunteer Advocate Trainings are offered monthly! For more information contact Crystar.**

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