Welcome to our CASA team!

During the third quarter of 2022, four new CASA volunteers were sworn-in by Judge Cynthia Guillory. Thank you for dedicating your time and effort to training in preparation to be a voice for the most vulnerable children in our community. Welcome to our CASA team and good luck on your advocacy journey!

CASA DIVISION UPDATE:

Our program is currently serving 215 children across 127 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 or call 337-436-9533 for more information.

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

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

by: Children’s Bureau

How is this article relevant to CASA?

Research shows that parents and caregivers who have support are more likely to provide safe and healthy homes for their children. Organizations are realizing the best way to prevent maltreatment is to help parents develop the skills and they need to meet their children’s needs and protect them from harm. This article lists protective factors that can lower the risk of abuse and neglect. It also discuss how individuals and communities can help in prevention.

https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/preventingcan.pdf

Working with Families and the Parentified Child

by : Jennifer Golick, PHD

How is this article relevant to CASA?

In its simplest form, parentification occurs when a child assumes adult-like roles and responsibilities. The overarching role of the parentified child can be described as that of caregiver. It is often observed and examined along two dimensions: instrumental parentification and emotional parentification. There are approximately 1.3–1.4 million parentified children aged 8–18 in the United States. This article discuss how parentification can affect children as they grow into adults as well.

https://muirwoodteen.com/blog/working-families-parentified-child/