



Our Mission

The Mission of Louisiana CASA Association is to support local programs in their efforts to ensure that abused and neglected children in the Louisiana legal system have a competent and caring volunteer advocate through quality, local CASA programs.

Evidence-based Outcomes for Children who have a CASA

Independent, national research identified the effectiveness of CASA Volunteers in serving children in foster care. Highlights of those findings included:

- Children with a CASA volunteer are substantially less likely to spend time in long-term foster care.
- Children served by a CASA volunteer are less likely to reenter the foster care system; the proportion of re-entries is consistently reduced by half.
- When a CASA volunteer is assigned, larger numbers of services are ordered for children and families.
- CASA volunteers are highly effective in getting their recommendations accepted in court (four out of five cases.)



YOU can help provide a voice for abused and neglected children in Louisiana.

The Louisiana CASA Association has been selected to compete for \$100,000 in the **Walmart Associate Choice Program**.

By voting for CASA, you can help us expand local CASA programs, develop new ones, provide training opportunities and recruit and train CASA volunteers so **EVERY** abused and neglected child in Louisiana who needs a voice has one.

Over 4000 Children Served in 2010

- 4065 children had a CASA Volunteer
- 1853 dedicated volunteers
- 18 CASA programs in LA
- 55 LA Parishes currently served

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer is a trained citizen who is appointed by a judge to represent the best interests of a child in court. Children helped by CASA volunteers are victims of abuse and neglect.



*"To give a child a CASA is to give them a voice.
To give them a voice is to give them hope.
And to give them hope is to give them the world.
I believe that with all my heart."*

Pamela Butler
Former foster youth

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