



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates

**FOR CHILDREN**

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**CASA OF TERREBONNE, INC.**

# Who is CASA of Terrebonne?

CASA of Terrebonne is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Terrebonne Parish. It was incorporated in 2000 by Danna Schwab and Carolyn McNabb.

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program was created to assist children who are subject to court proceedings due to abuse, neglect and/or abandonment. CASAs are trained volunteers who are appointed by a Judge to provide one-on-one advocacy for a child who is under the jurisdiction of the courts.



CASA of Terrebonne Staff

# Mission Statement

The mission of CASA of Terrebonne, Inc. is to be an independent and objective presence in the courts by speaking for the best interest of abused and neglected children of Terrebonne Parish.



We promote and support trained community volunteers to represent our children and help secure for each child a nurturing, safe, and permanent home.

# What do volunteer advocates do?

## 1. Monthly Visits

Our volunteers meet at least monthly with their children to assess their best interest.



## 3. Advocacy

Our volunteers monitor services to ensure that all needs are being met regarding their child.



## 2. Court Hearings

Our volunteers and supervisors attend court regularly to ensure that both state and federal guidelines are being met regarding CASA children.



## 4. Documentation

Our volunteers are required to keep fact-based notes regarding all interactions with involved parties.





# Our 2020 Goals

At this time CASA of Terrebonne is currently serving 85 children. However, there are 151 children who are on our waiting list who need a CASA volunteer. Our goal is to bridge this gap by recruiting, training and retaining more volunteers.



It goes without saying that our CASA children have seen many struggles and heartaches. For many of our children, education has never been a priority. This is why we recently began a new program called CASA Traveling Tutors. We want to link each child with a tutor if they are struggling academically.



# How you can help...

- Recruit, Train and Retain CASA Volunteers - \$6000
  - Increase Advertising Budget
    - Local Print Publications, Billboards and Flyers
  - Training
    - Background Checks
    - Badges / Certificates
    - Course Materials
  - Educate and inform the public at outreach events in the community
    - Booth fees
    - Brochures
    - CASA branded Giveaways
- CASA Traveling Tutor Program - \$2500
  - Tutors are paid \$25 an hour and we estimate that our tutors will work approximately 100 hours.

# CASA of Terrebonne Trainings





# Adoption Days





# OUR WHY...



**Erica Kleinhans**

Yesterday at 10:58 PM · 🌐

~~~ what a great night this was.. I love this woman so much she has helped me through so much being in foster care, she has done everything in her power to help me and I appreciate it fully. I wana give a big thanks to her and her family for all their help and helping me make it this far... Mrs. Yvonne tonight you received CASA of the year award and you deserve it fully <3 I love you :) thank you for everything ~~~



This is why we do what we do!

This is a former foster youth who was able to be a part of honoring her CASA with our Advocate of year award.

Her words are the push we use when we feel we aren't making a difference.



Thank you very much for your consideration. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you to provide a brighter future for our most vulnerable children!