

THE MISSION

CASA of San Bernardino County improves the quality of life for foster youth, juvenile justice youth, and alumni youth through stable and consistent mentoring and advocacy.

CASA Ensures A Better Future For All Youth

Far too many youth lose their families, their rights, and their hope.

What better way to:

BE A POWERFUL VOICE AND A ROLE MODEL.

Become a **CASA** Volunteer!



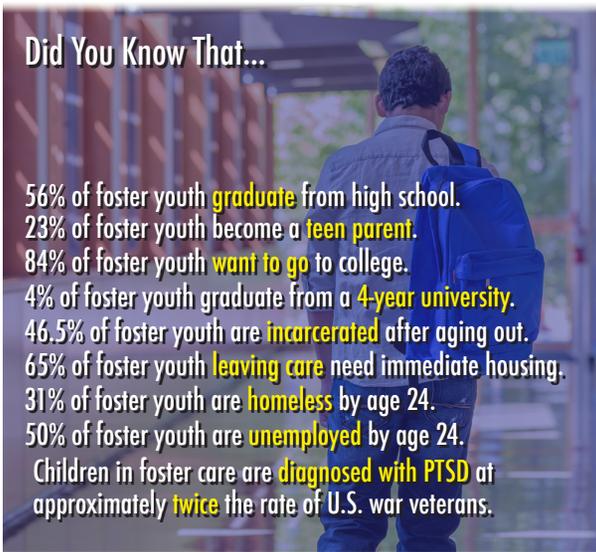
"I'm honored to have been part of my youth's journey. Although I know she learned a lot about herself through her unique journey, she taught me a lot about myself as well."

—CASA Volunteer

"...The difference between a 'bad childhood' and a 'traumatic childhood' is that somebody helped – that's what makes a difference."

— Dr. Bruce Perry —

Did You Know That...



- 56% of foster youth **graduate** from high school.
- 23% of foster youth become a **teen parent**.
- 84% of foster youth **want to go** to college.
- 4% of foster youth graduate from a **4-year university**.
- 46.5% of foster youth are **incarcerated** after aging out.
- 65% of foster youth **leaving care** need immediate housing.
- 31% of foster youth are **homeless** by age 24.
- 50% of foster youth are **unemployed** by age 24.
- Children in foster care are **diagnosed with PTSD** at approximately **twice** the rate of U.S. war veterans.

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CASA of San Bernardino County
Making An Impact, One Youth at a Time



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

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PURPOSE

CASA of San Bernardino County (also known as Child Advocates of San Bernardino County) is a 501(c)3 non-profit that provides mentoring and advocacy services to vulnerable foster youth.

Founded in 1984 by then Presiding Dependency Court Judge, the Honorable Judge Patrick Morris, the program was developed to provide advocacy for the county's abused, neglected, and abandoned children to restore hope in their lives. CASA of San Bernardino County is the only program of its kind in San Bernardino County, the largest and one of the fastest growing counties in the nation.

With our in-depth, nationally recognized training program and the continuous support from our professional staff, CASA volunteers demonstrate time and time again that one person can truly make a difference. Volunteers are sworn in by the juvenile court to serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate and/or an Educational Advocate.



CASA OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

works closely with collaborative agencies to ensure that children and youth who are in the foster care and juvenile justice systems receive the adequate attention and services necessary to improve their quality of life and prepare them for a healthy adulthood.

All referrals to the CASA program are received directly from the San Bernardino County Juvenile Courts.

REALITY

Left with little or no consistent guiding presence in their lives, youth in foster care are often lost, confused and alone.

While in care, many youth face difficulties that can prevent them from becoming successful adults. Challenges they face include: disconnection from family, educational displacement, increased risk for delinquent behavior, and placement instability.



JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

There Are Three Distinct Volunteer Opportunities to Get Involved:

- 1. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA's):**
Commit to mentoring and advocating for a youth or sibling set for a minimum of 10-15 hours per month for 18 months.
- 2. Educational Advocacy Program/
Educational Rights Holders For
Foster Youth:**
Hold the educational rights of a youth, committing to a minimum of 5 hours per month for 12-18 months.
- 3. Alumni Services Program
For Alumni Foster Youth:**
Support non-minor dependents and alumni foster youth as they enter adulthood.

Start Today

To Become a Volunteer, You Must:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Pass a background check
- Complete 30 hours of pre-service training

Share The CASA Mission

- Become a CASA Ambassador
- Follow us on social media
- Sign up for our newsletter

Donate/Attend Events

- Become a recurring donor
- Sponsor an event
- Donate tangible items
- Attend annual fundraisers
- Become a Business Community Partner

Visit our website for additional details:

www.casaofsb.org

If Not You, Who?

If Not Together, How?

If Not Now, When?