

Our Mission

CASA of East Tennessee **recruits, trains, and supports** citizen-volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Knox County. Judges appoint our screened, trained CASA volunteers to make sure at-risk children do not become lost in an overburdened, confusing system. CASA volunteers work with Knox County Juvenile Court, educators, medical professionals, community organizations, social workers, and relevant government agencies, **to find safe, permanent homes** for neglected and abused children as quickly as possible.

How We Do It

You! Our professionally trained volunteer advocates are the heart of CASA—we could not serve these children without our volunteers' dedication and passion. For many abused children, a CASA volunteer is the only constant adult presence in their lives. **You make the difference!**

What We Do

CASA believes that all children should have safe, permanent homes.

- When our CASA volunteers speak for these children, they are more likely to:
 - **find a safe, permanent home**
 - **receive needed medical and mental health resources**
 - **complete educational goals**
- CASA volunteers **get to know children** and their living conditions through frequent home visits and speaking with a variety of people involved in the children's lives.
- CASA volunteers **write and submit court reports** based on facts gathered while advocating for the child, as well as **recommend** the best, most critical, and effective services for the child while in care.
- CASA volunteers **monitor cases and court orders** to ensure that plan requirements and court orders are being followed.
- CASA volunteers **see a case through from beginning to end**, until the case is closed by the court, ensuring that at least one adult is constantly by a child's side fighting for the child's best interest.

CASA by the Numbers

3,000- Number of children referred to Knox County Juvenile Court for abuse and neglect allegations

850- Approximate number of children in state's custody in Knox County at any given time

1-2 Number of children (or sibling groups) assigned to each CASA volunteer

68- Active CASA volunteers serving Knox County

CASA's court recommendations and involvement make a lasting difference in the quality of the lives of some of our community's most vulnerable children.