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News stories are airing today about a former CASA volunteer who violated our policies regarding consuming alcohol in the presence of clients and is alleged to have violated the law as well. The safety of children is our top priority, so we are dismayed that this has happened.

We began responsive actions immediately upon learning of these allegations: gathering pertinent information, meeting with the volunteer, discharging the volunteer from our program, and reporting the incident to law enforcement. We take the safety of the children we serve seriously, and we responded quickly and thoroughly. The alleged actions violate our program policies and the volunteer had recently re-acknowledged these policies.

Child safety is our top concern, and in addition to volunteer screening and supervision practices that exceed state and national requirements, we emphasize immediate, decisive response. Our mission is to promote and protect the best interest of children who have been abused or neglected.