



Organization Overview

Name: CASA of Travis County

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Location: 7600 Chevy Chase Dr, Ste 200, Austin, TX 78752

Officers: John Berkowitz, President/Board of Directors
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Summary:

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Travis County speaks up for children who've been abused or neglected by empowering our community to volunteer as advocates for them in the court system. When the state steps in to protect a child's safety, a judge appoints a trained CASA volunteer to make independent and informed recommendations in the child's best interest.

CASA volunteers complete an interview, background checks and a 39-hour intensive training program including courtroom observation. After being sworn-in by a judge, volunteers are appointed to a child or family of children and spend an average of 15-20 hours a month advocating for these children for the lifetime of a case. In addition to getting to know the child, a CASA volunteer also gathers information from the child's family, teachers, doctors, caregivers and anyone else involved in the child's life.

Created in 1985, CASA of Travis County is now one of the top ten CASA programs in the nation, supporting over 700 volunteers who advocate for more than 1,750 children a year.

CASA's vision is to provide a volunteer advocate for every child in need in our community.

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