



*Lift up a child's voice.*

**ONE CHILD AT A TIME. ONE LIFE AT  
A TIME. ONE FUTURE AT A TIME.**

## *Our Mission*

We advocate for and support abused and neglected children in the court system to ensure their right to safe, stable, permanent homes.

AACCASA achieves this mission through the work of volunteers who serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs).

## *I Am For The Child*

By volunteering or donating you can join the **I AM FOR THE CHILD** movement by ensuring that every child in foster care has a CASA by their side!

It costs \$3,000 to advocate for one abused child in foster care. We are here to help give every child a fighting chance to be a child!



## *FY25 Outcome Statistics*

- **100% OF THE JUDGES REPORTED THAT THE CASA VOLUNTEERS INCREASED THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE WELL-INFORMED DECISIONS**
- **90 CASA VOLUNTEERS WERE ASSIGNED TO 129 CHILDREN, SERVING 71% OF THE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**
- **39 NEW CHILDREN RECEIVED A CASA VOLUNTEER**
- **29 NEW VOLUNTEERS WERE TRAINED TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN NEED**
- **51 CASES CLOSED, PLACING CHILDREN IN SAFE, PERMANENT HOMES**
  - › **16% WERE ADOPTED**
  - › **53% RETURNED HOME**
  - › **14% WERE PLACED WITH A RELATIVE**
  - › **8% WERE LIVING INDEPENDENTLY AT AGE 21**
  - › **6% WERE PLACED WITH A NON-RELATIVE**
  - › **4% WERE CLOSED BY THE COURT**
- **CASA VOLUNTEERS DONATED MORE THAN 10,048 HOURS TOTALING \$351,580 IN VOLUNTEER TIME**

## Did you know?

### **THERE WERE OVER 500 KNOWN VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY LAST YEAR.**

They range in age from infancy to 21 years and represent every segment of the County. They have unmet medical, educational, emotional, developmental and social needs.

They may have spent up to three years in foster care, and some never find permanent homes.

All of these children are involved in the foster care and court system through no fault of their own.



## *Is there hope for them?*

**YES!** A judge can request the appointment of a CASA. Each CASA is matched with one foster child or sibling group.

The CASA gathers information, ensures necessary services and advocates for the child in court. **THE CASA IS OFTEN THE ONLY CONSISTENT, RELIABLE ADULT IN THE CHILD'S LIFE.**

With a CASA, the child has fewer foster care placements, receives more services, is less likely to suffer re-abuse, is more likely to be placed with siblings and more likely to find a safe-permanent home.



## *Court Appointed Special Advocates*

### **ALL CHILDREN DESERVE A SAFE, STABLE HOME WITH A LOVING FAMILY TO CARE FOR THEM.**

Anne Arundel County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Inc. is central to fulfilling society's most fundamental obligation by making sure a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child's right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the security of a loving family.

Since AACASA's founding in 1997, we have trained 726 CASA volunteers and served 968 children in Anne Arundel County.



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**NEW CHILDREN WITH A CASA IN 2022**

29

**NEW CASA VOLUNTEERS TRAINED**

90

**CASA VOLUNTEERS ASSIGNED**

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