

Nearly one million children are victims of abuse every year in the United States.



Four children die every day as a result of child abuse and neglect.



A child in California is abused or neglected every four minutes.



Approximately one-third of foster children will become homeless within the first year after they leave the system at age 18.

Our children need you!

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CASA El Dorado's Mission

Take a Stand,
Make a Difference,
Change a Child's Life . . . Forever.

A passionate and powerful voice, CASA El Dorado's trained and court appointed volunteers advocate on behalf of abused children and at-risk youth. Together with our community's involvement and generous support, we will positively impact the lives of our children.



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A child is waiting . . .



waiting for someone to
make a difference . . .

waiting for a CASA.



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Child abuse is real in our community. Since 2002, El Dorado County's substantiated child abuse rate has steadily increased and in 2005 surpassed the state's high for the first time. There are currently hundreds of children in the Child Welfare System and many of these children are waiting for a CASA.

Court Appointed Special Advocates

CASA recruits, screens and trains community volunteers to serve as officers of the court with the mission of ensuring that abused and neglected children are provided every available opportunity to live healthy productive lives. You don't need a law degree to be an advocate, just a caring heart for children.

Our Advocates . . .

- **Assess Placement:** determine how the child gets along with adults and other children in their environment, whether they are in a foster home, group home, with a relative or near kin
- **Investigate Issues:** examine issues of connections with siblings, reactions toward reunifying with parents; attention to medical or dental needs
- **Track Educational Progress:** work with teachers, schools, and foster parents to encourage greater success in school and ensure youth's educational rights are intact
- **Foster Healthy Lifestyles:** promote extra-curricular activities, pursuit of interests, model positive conflict resolution
- **Empower:** encourage children to speak up for their needs and take a positive stand for their future
- **Report to the Judge:** provide the judge with detailed information to aid in the decision-making process for the child's future

Take a Stand

Brian age 14

Abruptly removed from home due to neglect;

emotionally distressed; eating disorder; three school placements.

This is where CASA steps in.

Brian successfully graduates from high school.



Friends of CASA

Friends of CASA (FOC) is another volunteer avenue for those interested in supporting the organization's mission and purpose through sharing personal talents and expertise on projects such as fund raising events, office duties related to mailings, database maintenance and networking within our community.

Make a Difference

Yes! I want to make a difference today.

I am interested in:

- Being an Advocate Volunteering as a "Friend of CASA"
- Donating
- \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$150 \$250 \$500
- Other _____

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