WHO ARE CASA VOLUNTEERS?

Backgrounds.
CASA Volunteers come from all backgrounds and walks of life. CASAs do not have to be lawyers or social workers; they are everyday people from various educational and professional backgrounds. African American, Hispanic, Native American and LGBTQ children in particular are disproportionately represented in child welfare and continue to experience unequal outcomes. Therefore, it is critical that our CASA Volunteers and staff reflect and honor the diversity of our community.

Requirements.
CASA Volunteers must be 21 years of age, have a high school education, possess a valid driver's license, and complete a background check.

Training.
Qualified applicants will complete an interview and will be provided 30+ hours of training prior to taking their first case, with an additional 12 hours of continued education per year. Volunteers will receive ongoing support and supervision from the program to effectively advocate for the children that we serve.

BECOME A CASA TODAY.
700,000+
Children enter foster care per year nationally.

19.2 Months
The average amount of time a child spends in foster care.

1 Child
Having a CASA Volunteer can change one child's life forever.

There's no place like hope.
CASA 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.

By advocating for an abused or neglected child, you give that child a voice - and a chance for a better life.

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CONTACT INFORMATION
THE POWER OF A CARING ADULT.

Children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect are among the most vulnerable populations in America. A child in foster care may have faced physical, psychological or emotional trauma and years of uncertainty as they wait to go home, be adopted or simply see what happens next. All that chaos has long-term effects. Young people who have spent time in foster care are more likely to face incarceration, homelessness and unemployment. They are less likely to graduate high school and more likely to be victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

Having a caring, consistent adult to listen and put a child's best interest before all others' can make all the difference.

CASA Volunteers are there to change lives at the most challenging time in a child’s life, and they do. Studies from the Packard Foundation\(^1\) and the University of Houston and Child Advocates, Inc.\(^2\) have shown that children who have experienced abuse or neglect fare better with a CASA Volunteer by their side.

### Become a CASA Volunteer.

Attend an information session to learn more about our program, what a volunteer does and how we will prepare and support you in your volunteer work. Visit our website to register: snohomishcountywa.gov/CASA or call us at (425) 388-7854.

### Become a community partner.

Whether your interest is in giving your financial support, your time or your voice, there are many ways to get involved. Contact us to learn more at CASA@snoco.org or (425) 388-7854.

### It takes a whole community to stop child abuse.

There are far too many children in our community who still need the powerful advocacy of a CASA Volunteer. Serving every child who needs a volunteer is possible, but we can’t do it alone. With your help, we can recruit, train and support more volunteers to reach more children in need.

### THE CASA MODEL.

CASA Volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for a child's best interests. They stay with the child until their case is closed and they reach a safe, permanent home. Volunteers work with legal and child welfare professionals, educators, and others to ensure that judges have all the information they need to make potentially life-changing decisions for each child.

Visit snohomishcountywa.gov/CASA for more information.