

Role of State Organizations



CONSISTENT WITH THE NATIONAL CASA/GAL MISSION, VISION, VALUES AND CORE MODEL, STATE ORGANIZATIONS:

Promote and support training, technical assistance and Core Model fidelity and activities of local member programs or local offices that provide high quality trained volunteers to act as the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) or guardians ad litem (GAL) for children and youth who are involved in judicial proceedings related to abuse or neglect.¹


Advance the Mission and Build Awareness of Children Involved in Judicial Proceedings Related to Abuse and Neglect

- Increase statewide awareness of the CASA/GAL mission
- Participate in state level opportunities to have a voice, serve as a thought leader and impact policy
- Collect, manage and compile data statewide for assessment, to inform planning and to report to National CASA/GAL and external stakeholders
- In partnership with National CASA/GAL, promote and assist in the strategic expansion and development of CASA/GAL programs throughout the state; identify areas of need and interest, engage judges and committees in the development of the programs

Support Local Programs/Offices

- Assist and support local programs/offices with Core Model fidelity and inform National CASA/GAL of needs and potential deviations or risks
- Support alignment with federal, state, court or tribal laws, filings and regulations
- Be a model organization demonstrating the values and guiding principles of National CASA/GAL
- Provide programmatic and operational support and guidance to local programs/offices
- Assist programs with technical assistance in planning and execution to build capacity to serve more children including working with local programs/offices in the development and execution of a strategy to stimulate statewide growth
- Involve and collaborate with local program leaders in planning and strategizing for the state organization
- Provide networking opportunities for local programs/offices to connect with and learn from one another and

¹ National CASA/GAL Association's Core Model does not extend to family law, probate, diversion, private petitions or delinquency cases.



foster collaboration throughout the state

- Training and Resources
 - Provide or promote access to National CASA/GAL approved research-informed curricula and trainings for local programs/offices consistent with National CASA/GAL training standards
 - Provide updates and facilitate communication to local programs/offices for relevant child welfare and CASA/GAL movement information
 - Consult/partner with local programs/offices to address crisis management
 - Promote awareness of the National CASA/GAL member portal
 - Promote National CASA/GAL resources in the form of documents, templates, tools and samples or provide standards-aligned resources
 - Provide or promote access for staff and volunteer training opportunities to local programs/offices
 - Coach and develop local program executive directors
 - Promote cultural competency
- Resource Development Initiatives
 - Raise funds and secure resources to support and maintain the long-term sustainability of the state organization
 - Promote opportunities or provide assistance to local programs/offices in developing resources including seeking funding and participating in the pass through/award of funding to local programs/offices