
Role of State Organizations



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Consistent with the National CASA mission and core model, State Organizations:

In partnership with National CASA, strategically establish, promote and support the formation, recruitment, training, development, and activities of local member programs or local offices (where they exist) that provide high quality volunteers to act as the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) or guardians ad litem (GAL) for children and youth who come into the judicial system as a result of abuse or neglect¹, and to advocate for the best interests, so that every child can be safe, have a permanent home, and the opportunity to thrive

Promote Awareness of the Organization and the Children Who Have Experienced Abuse and Neglect

- Increase statewide awareness of the CASA brand/movement
- Participate in statewide child welfare organizations in order to have a voice and serve as thought leaders
- Work with stakeholders to promote CASA/GAL movement and protect the CASA brand throughout the state in furtherance of our mission
- Collect, manage and compile data statewide for assessment, to inform planning and to report to external stakeholders

Support Local Programs/Offices (where applicable)

- Review local programs/offices for quality and to determine what support is needed to meet state requirements and National CASA/GAL standards
- Be a model organization embodying the qualities expected by and of the local programs/offices
- Provide technical assistance to local programs/offices
- Assist programs 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

¹ National CASA Association's core model does not extend to family law, probate, diversion, private petitions or delinquency cases. Children must be adjudicated as dependent or its equivalent.

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- Provide networking opportunities for local programs/offices to connect with and learn from one another and foster collaboration throughout the state
- Training and Resources
 - Ensure quality delivery of research-informed National CASA/GAL training
 - Confirm thorough screening of volunteer advocates
 - 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
 - Provide resources in the form of documents, templates, tools and samples
 - Provide staff and volunteer training opportunities to local programs/offices
 - Coach and develop local program executive directors
 - Promote cultural competency and diversity
- Fundraising Initiatives
 - 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

Support the National CASA/GAL Network

- Work actively and collaboratively with National CASA (e.g., serving on committees, workgroups and councils and act as a liaison) to support and achieve the mission of the organization
- In partnership with National CASA, promote and support 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

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