

WHAT DOES A CASA DO?

When a family is in crisis and becomes involved in the child welfare system, a CASA volunteer may be appointed by a judge to advocate for the child. The highly trained volunteer is someone from the child's community whose responsibility is to get to know the child and their family and advocate for their safety, permanency and well-being while in foster care. This is just one example of the difference a CASA volunteer can make in a child's life.



David* is removed from home and placed in a foster home.



A CASA volunteer, Nate, is appointed by the judge.



Family

Nate meets with David and provides a consistent presence while working with all parties involved on the case.



Nate attends a family meeting along with David's parents, paternal grandparents, foster parents and David's caseworker.



Together,
they identify David's
physical, emotional, and
educational needs and
resources to help him and
his parents heal.

Family



Nate meets with
David every month and
shares information with
the judge and everyone
on the case.



At the next family meeting, David's team focuses on building and strengething a network of support around David and his parents.



Nate continues to advocate for David and stay by his side throughout the case, advocating for David to be reunited with his parents.

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If reunification is not safe or possible, Nate will advocate for David to be adopted by, or live with, other relatives or family friends. If that is also not possible, Nate will work towards adoption by a non-relative.



Regardless of the outcome, Nate will keep in contact with the support network until the case closes so that everyone continues to put David's best interests first.