



Welcome,

Thank you for your interest in CASA. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who are dedicated to helping abused and neglected children of Nueces, San Patricio, and Aransas counties find safe, permanent homes. The unfortunate truth is there are not enough volunteers to cover all the cases. We need your help!

Below you will find the application and reference forms you will need to get started.

During training, CASA will provide lunch or dinner. If you have dietary needs, please feel free to bring your own meal or snacks. Also, please dress comfortably.

In addition to classroom training, each CASA is required to complete the following before taking the CASA oath: (These requirements may be started after the pre-training interview)

- A police ride along + summary
- A ride along with Child Protective Services + summary
- 3 hours of courtroom observation + summary
- National Criminal / CPS background check, \$15.00
- 3 non-relative letters of reference

Details are thoroughly discussed during the pre-training interview and throughout training. Throughout the screening process, training, and service to a case, it must be understood that CASA can terminate the relationship with the volunteer at any time. The reason for termination will not be revealed. The screening process continues throughout training so that the volunteer has the same termination rights.

The experience and benefits you attain are rewarding. Through training, you gain fulfillment/friends, courtroom procedure knowledge, communication techniques, and more.

Thank you for your interest in helping children. If you have questions, please telephone 884-2272.

Thank you,

John White
Trainer
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Volunteer Application

Please attach a recent photo of yourself.

Please Print

PERSONAL INFORMATION

SS# _____
Name: (Last) _____ (Middle) _____ (First) _____
Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Gender: _____
Address _____ Apt #: _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone # _____ (W) _____ (Ext) _____
Cell: _____ Pager # _____
Home e-mail Address: _____ FAX: _____
Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Relationship to you: _____
How long in the County? _____ in Texas? _____
Birthplace _____ Race/Ethnicity _____ Religion _____
Bilingual Y / N Primary Language: _____
Other Language: _____

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employment Status: _____ (Full-Time) _____ (Part-Time) _____ (Retired) _____ (Student) _____ (Unemployed)
Employer: _____ How Long? _____
Address: _____ Phone _____
Position: _____ Supervisor's Name: _____
Work e-mail Address: _____ FAX: _____

EDUCATION

Education: _____ (some high school) _____ (GED) _____ (high school) _____ (some college)
_____ (college) _____ (graduate study) _____ (post-graduate degree)
If student, where? _____
Date of College Completion, College, & Degree _____

Date of Technical or Business School Completion, School, & Program: _____

Do you have transportation? Y / N Valid TX Driver's license #: _____
Liability Insurance Company & Policy Number: _____

Note:

We will need to make a copy of your Driver's License & automobile liability Insurance Card



Marital Status: _____ Spouse's Name: _____
Spouse's Employer, work address, & phone #: _____

Children's names & ages _____

VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

How did you hear of CASA? _____

Do you have any experience working with children?
Please list activity & ages of children. Professional or Volunteer?

What are your strengths and weaknesses? _____

Have you ever applied to this or any other CASA program in the past? Explain where and when: _____

List Memberships in Clubs or Organizations and any responsibilities/offices held:

Volunteer experience: _____

Reason for interest in CASA: _____



Do you have personal experience with any of the following?

Child abuse: _____

Foster care: _____

Child welfare: _____

Criminal, juvenile or family
court: _____

Other child service
agencies: _____

Do you give permission for CASA of The Coastal Bend, Inc. to obtain information regarding your previous volunteer experience/associations with the organizations/agencies listed on this application? Yes / No

What are your hobbies and interests? _____

Do you have any special skills that might prove useful to you as a CASA Volunteer, or to the CASA organization?

How would you describe your personality type?



CASA VOLUNTEER PREFERENCES

Do you have a preference regarding ages of children in your case(s)?

_____ (any) _____ (infants) _____ (18 mos. to 5) _____ (6 to 11) _____ (12 to 18)

Do you have a preference as to:

Gender: _____ (male) _____ (female) _____ (either)

Number of children: _____ (one) _____ (sibling group) _____ (either)

Geographic Area: _____

Are there specific disabilities that you would prefer to **NOT** work with?

_____ Cardiac _____ Cerebral Palsy _____ Circulatory _____ Hearing _____ Respiratory
_____ Learning Disabilities _____ Mental Retardation _____ Mobility _____ Neurological
_____ Psychological _____ Reactive Attachment Disorder

Other: _____

Are there any types of abusive situations that you would prefer to NOT work with? _____

_____ Abandonment _____ Educational Neglect _____ Emotional Abuse
_____ Medical Neglect _____ Physical Abuse _____ Physical Neglect _____ Sexual Abuse

Do you have any disabilities? _____ Yes _____ No

_____ Cardiac _____ Cerebral Palsy _____ Circulatory _____ Hearing _____ Respiratory
_____ Learning Disability _____ Mobility _____ Neurological _____ Psychological

Other _____



Please answer all questions and explain.

1. Have you ever received counseling? _____

2. Have you ever been hospitalized for an emotional problem? _____

3. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor? _____

4. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony? _____

5. Have you ever been convicted of a traffic violation? Dates (approx.), and types: _____

6. Do you now or have you ever had a substance abuse problem? _____

7. Are you receiving or have you ever received treatment for a substance abuse problem?

8. Do you give permission to CASA of The Coastal Bend, Inc. to obtain additional information from other sources for screening purposes? _____

9. Do you have any kind of health impairment? _____

10. Do you expect any change in marital status, employment, or place of residence within the next year? _____

11. Are you away during the summer months?



12. Do you agree to maintain minimum automobile liability insurance throughout your participation in the CASA program? _____

13. Have you ever or do you now engage in sexual misconduct which could cause harm to a child, yourself, or CASA of The Coastal Bend, Inc.? _____

14. As a CASA volunteer will you be willing to:

Commit to a minimum of one year of service?

Attend hearings, meetings, and planning sessions for your case(s)?

Participate in CASA's initial training program?

Participate in continuing training during the year?

Visit with the family and child/children in your case(s)?

Participate in fact-finding, monitoring and report to the court?

15. Do you agree that the first six months of participation are probationary? _____

Non-Relative References (3 Needed)

***Note: We will need the individuals listed below to fill out a two page individual reference form.**

List three people who have known you for more than one year and can vouch for your character (non-relatives). Third reference can be your current/past employer/co-worker/supervisor/professor etc...

Name / Address / Phone

Ref #1: _____

Ref #2: _____

Ref #3: _____



I am interested in becoming a CASA volunteer and know of no reason why I should not be assigned a case in the program. I am aware that children in the program have been abused, neglected, and/or abandoned by adults, and I do not want to be another disappointment to them. I will commit to a minimum of one year of service to my case.

I further acknowledge and agree that:

- I am not obligated to accept a case.
- CASA is not obligated to assign or actively seek to assign a case to me.
- As part of CASA's policy, additional personal information will be gathered during the pre-training interview process.
- I am a volunteer, and can resign from the program at any time - without prior notice.
- CASA can terminate my service at any time without prior notice.

I give permission to CASA of The Coastal Bend, to release information about my experience as a CASA to any other CASA program to which I apply in the future.

I have responded truthfully to all of the questions on this application.

Signature

Date

It is the policy of CASA of The Coastal Bend to implement equal service to all clients, without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation, group, age, gender, national origin, or disability. CASA of The Coastal Bend selects volunteers without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation, group, age, gender, national origin, or disability.

Additional Comments:



Applicant's Name: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Phone #: _____

**Note: Please provide the best phone number (s) we can reach you to confirm the referral

All information will be held confidential in every respect.

1. In what capacity have you known the applicant?

For how long?

2. Describe or characterize his/her professional behavior?

Judgment Skills?

Flexibility?

Self-motivation?

Maturity?

Oral Communication Skills?

Personality/Enthusiasm?

Ethical/Moral Standards?

3. Do you have knowledge of how the applicant relates to children?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain:

4. Can the applicant separate personal life from volunteer / work experience?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain:

5. List three adjectives that best describe the applicant:



6. Would the applicant have problems in working with any of the following Racial Minorities? ___ Females ___ Males ___ Handicapped ___ Various Religions please explain:

7. How well does the applicant finish projects and activities? ___ Very Well ___ Well ___ Average ___ Fair ___ Unknown

8. To your knowledge, has the applicant ever had a drinking or drug problem? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain:

9. Do you feel that the applicant is in a position to make a year-long commitment to a child? Yes ___ No ___ please explain:

10. Would you be comfortable having the applicant serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate to a child? Yes ___ No ___ please explain:

Signature

Date



Volunteer today
to help an abused or neglected child



Are you interested in helping abused and neglected children? Do you know someone who is? At CASA of the Coastal Bend, we are recruiting caring people to serve as volunteer advocates for abused and neglected children. Judges appoint CASA volunteers to recommend the best possible outcome for children's helping them to have safe, permanent homes. Our training classes prepare you to make a lasting difference.

For more information about how you can help, call John White @ (361) 884-2272 or visit coastalbendcasa.org

If you want to make a donation to CASA during our "Speak Up For A Child" annual campaign please fill out the following information and we will send you a letter during Oct or Nov 2012.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Contact PH#: _____

Staff Use Only: Confirmed Call ___ Yes ___ No Date: _____

Additional Comments: