Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are volunteers who advocate for the best interests of vulnerable children in court and the community. CASA is a national child welfare initiative that began in Seattle, WA, in the late 1970s and has grown to include more than 950 individual CASA programs across the nation. CFACC was formed in 2016 as a not-for-profit organization to join the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Project and Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court’s newly established Court Appointed Special Advocates Program (CASA) of Cuyahoga County. While CFACC currently only supports CASAs, they often work with GALs in certain types of cases. This dual representation model has been shown to enhance the quality of advocacy on behalf of the children.

Since 2016, more than 100 CASA volunteers have positively impacted the lives of over 500 children in Cuyahoga County. Local CASA volunteers conduct independent investigations into a child’s welfare and strive to provide the highest advocacy levels to child victims of abuse, neglect, and dependency while furthering collaborations with the Juvenile Court, Department of Children and Family Services, and other local child welfare providers.
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CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of children at risk for abuse, neglect, and dependency. CFACC believes that every child deserves to be in a safe and stable home. These trained volunteers are the child’s voice to ensure that their needs are identified and addressed.

Volunteers stay with children until they are placed in loving permanent homes. For many abused children, a CASA volunteer is the only constant adult presence in their lives.

**2021 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**REVENUE TOTAL: $584K**
- FY 2020 Carryover: 16.2%
- Misc. Incomes: 2.2%
- Events & Fundraising: 10.8%
- Training Fees & Reimbursement: 2.2%
- VOCA: 68.8%

**EXPENSE TOTAL: $584K**
- Capacity Building: 6%
- Occupancy: 5%
- Administration: 13%
- Events & Fundraising: 2%
- CASA Program: 76%

**AFFILIATES**

Since 2016
- 554 children have had a CASA volunteer to advocate for their best interest
- 86 qualified CASA volunteers in Cuyahoga County
- 16,985 hours provided by CASA volunteers serving children who have experienced abuse or neglect