

AGENCY MILESTONES

2015

CASA Steering Committee Formed

2016

CASA of Cuyahoga County/CFACC
Launched, given IRS &
OH non-profit tax status

2017

Cleveland's CASA program grows to
encompass 50+ active volunteers

2018

Local CASA volunteers serve more
than 100 children for the first time

2019

A research study on the
effectiveness of CASA is published
by CWRU and CSU

2020

CFACC moves to new offices at
Fairhill Partners, exceeds 500 total
children served

2021

CASA Program expands into serving
children in Permanent Custody

2022

CASA begins serving aging-out
foster youth, implements
community-based referrals

OUR VISION

Every child is seen, heard, and
engaged, leading to permanency
and hope.



Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

cfadvocates.org



6^{YEAR}

CASA OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROGRAM | PROGRESS REPORT

HISTORY

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 600 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.



OUR MISSION

To make a difference for every child
served through advocacy, education,
and collaborative alliances.

Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County is a
non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County/CASA of Cuyahoga
County is a member of the National CASA Association.



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 children at risk for abuse, a CASA volunteer is the only constant adult presence in their lives.

15 NEW CASA PRE-SERVICE TRAINING
30 HOURS OF CONTINUED EDUCATION OFFERED ANNUALLY

Since 2016

65% Black/African American
23% Caucasian
12% Hispanic or Multi-Racial

610

children have had a CASA volunteer to advocate for their best interest

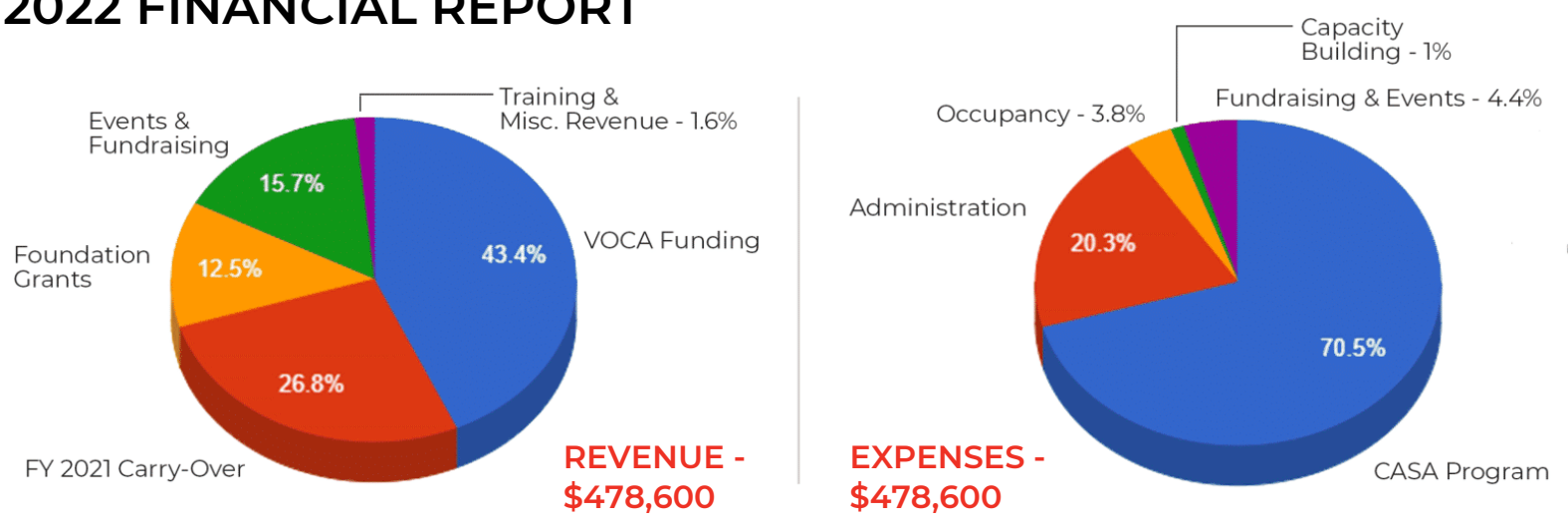
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qualified CASA volunteers in Cuyahoga County

19,455

hours provided by CASA volunteers serving children who have experienced abuse or neglect

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT



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