



OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

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

AGENCY MILESTONES

2015-16

40+ Member Steering Committee Formed, IRS and OH Tax Exempt Status Granted

2019-20

CWRU and CSU Research Study on CASA Effectiveness Published; CASA Hits Threshold of 500 Unique Children Served

2021-2022

CASA Begins Serving Children in Permanent Custody and Those Aging Out of Foster Care

2023-24

CASA Expands Further into Private Custody, Emergency Custody and Educational Neglect Cases, Reaches 850th Child Served

2025

CASA Celebrates 10 Years of Advocating for Northeast Ohio Foster-System-Involved Youth, Expects to Reach 1,000 Total Children Served



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YEAR

CASA OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY | 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 900 individual CASA programs nationwide. CFACC was formed in 2016 as a not-for-profit organization to join the former Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Project with a new Court Appointed Special Advocate program, CASA of Cuyahoga County. While CFACC currently only supports CASA volunteers, they continue to work with GALs on certain types of cases. This dual representation model has been shown to enhance the quality of advocacy provided to foster-system-involved children and helps to expedite family permanency.

Since 2016, more than 250 CASA volunteers have positively impacted the lives of nearly 900 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, Division of Children and Family Services, and other local child welfare providers.

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

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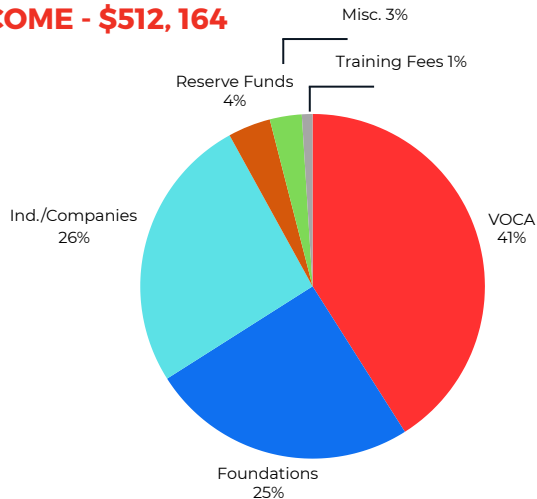
CASA VOLUNTEERS ✓

CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of children at risk for abuse, neglect, dependency, and aging out of the foster care system. CASA of Cuyahoga County believes that every child deserves to be in a safe and stable home and to achieve permanency, a loving family to call their own. A CASA volunteer is often the most constant adult presence for many local youth in foster care. These highly trained volunteers serve as the child's voice in court, to identify and address their needs.

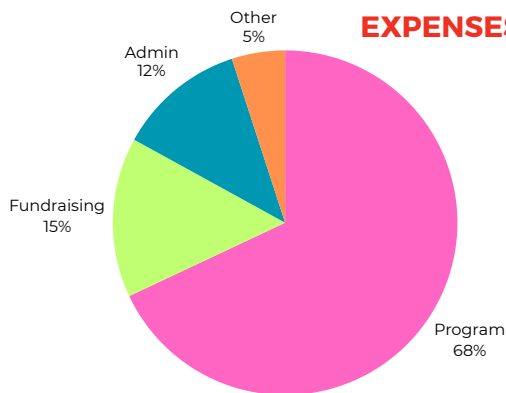
CASA volunteers stay with children up to two years or until they are placed in loving, permanent homes

2025 FINANCIAL REPORT ✓

INCOME - \$512,164



EXPENSES - \$412,357



IN 2024:



3 Pre-Service Trainings



11 Continuing Education Workshops; 816 Training Hours Provided



166 Unique Children Served



106 Referrals for a CASA Volunteer



4,063 CASA Volunteer Hours

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