

## Foster care children face **ENORMOUS CHALLENGES**

- **Less than 50% graduate from high school**
- **1 in 5 will be homeless after age 18**
- **Only 50% are employed by the age 24**
- **71% of young women will be pregnant by age 21**

By recruiting and training volunteers to advocate for kids in foster care, the Child Abuse Prevention Council of SJC is actively working to change these statistics for San Joaquin County foster youth. Our Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers ensure that foster children are not forgotten, but rather are afforded every single opportunity to have a happy and healthy life.



**You may not be able to foster**  
**but you can** *change the life*  
**of a young child**

## A volunteer **CASA** can transform the life of foster child, right here in **San Joaquin County**

CASA is the only organization designated by the San Joaquin County Superior Court to recruit, train, and supervise CASA volunteers. CASAs act as fact-finders for judges, providing them with information gathered from court documents, social workers, educational, medical, and therapy records.

There are many more children who still need a CASA to speak on their behalf — in the courtroom, classroom, and community.

By being connected to a **CASA** volunteer, our children are much more likely to leave the foster care system and find a safe, permanent home.

No experience is necessary to be a **CASA** volunteer. We'll provide all the training you'll need.

Learn more by attending a volunteer information session. Visit [www.NoChildAbuse.org](http://www.NoChildAbuse.org) or call (209) 644-5319

## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** The impact of **CASA** Volunteers

CASAs can change the direction of a foster child's life. They are able to focus on having a one-on-one relationship with their child, and are a consistent source of care, focus, and stability.



**85%**



Of a **CASA's** recommendations are accepted by the court



**50%**



Foster children with **CASAs** spend 50% less time in foster care.



**20%**



More children with a **CASA** passed all school courses.

## **GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE**

Imagine what it must feel like to be thrust into foster care. Life can be scary when it seems nobody cares, when all you have ever known is abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

**CASA** volunteers give a priceless gift: someone who really cares—someone dependable who won't disappoint these children like so many other adults have done in the past. If you are not able to give 10-15 hours a month to be a **CASA**, please consider either a monthly or one-time donation to **CASA** of San Joaquin to make our transformational work possible.

It only takes  
**10-15 hours** a month  
to help transform a  
child's life.



More than 1,500 children  
live in foster care here in  
San Joaquin County.

These children have been  
abused, abandoned, and  
neglected, and many of  
them feel very much alone  
until they meet their  
CASA volunteer.



Become a CASA or support  
their work with a donation.



### OUR MISSION

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) trains volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children in foster care to ensure all children find safe, permanent homes, and lifelong connections to caring and committed adults.

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*for a*  
**FOSTER CHILD**  
WITH CASA OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
*and give the gift of hope.*

