OUR MISSION

California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association ensures children in the foster care system have both a voice and the services they need for a stable future. We achieve this goal by strengthening California’s network of local CASA programs and advocating for progressive child welfare policy and practice.
Dear Friends,

CASA programs in California achieved a year of significant growth in 2016-2017 with a 7% increase of CASA volunteers in service to abused and neglected children. We are now serving nearly 13,000 children in foster care and are well on our way to exceeding the goal we set of serving 15,000 children by 2020. Our local program network expanded to 51 counties throughout the state with the addition of Calaveras County, and we are tremendously grateful to the 430 staff and 7,950 volunteers in our network who work tirelessly on behalf of California’s children in foster care. 2016-2017 has been a banner fiscal year, thanks to everyone’s efforts.

This year has also had its challenges. After working with us for eight months, California CASA Association’s former CEO, John Lipp, left in the spring due to health issues. We were fortunate that Mim Carlson was able to come back to California CASA as Interim CEO and provide steady guidance and leadership while the Board conducted a search for the right person to lead us into the future. The Board and staff are thrilled that Sharon Lawrence is starting November 1, 2017 as California CASA’s new CEO, and she is already participating in key decisions as part of the leadership transition. For 20 years, Sharon led Voices for Children in San Diego - one of the most successful CASA programs in the country. We look forward to working with her in the years ahead as she takes California CASA to new heights. Other staff transitions this year gave us an opportunity to think about how we can be more effective in serving our network, and ultimately California’s children in foster care.

We believe we are well positioned now to make an even bigger impact in our state and to realize our vision of ensuring that every child in foster care has access to the critical advocacy of a CASA volunteer. With more than 61,000 babies, children, and young adults in the foster care system in California, there is so much more to be done to raise awareness of the need for the extraordinary CASA volunteers who advocate for, and support, these boys and girls.

We know our CASA volunteers are making a difference. Studies show that foster children with a CASA volunteer stand a better chance for success than their peers without a CASA. They are more likely to graduate from high school, will find a permanent home more quickly, and have a more positive attitude about life and about their future. These are just a few of the many positive long-term benefits a CASA volunteer can provide for a foster child. CASA volunteers are invaluable and our organization is committed to making sure the 44 CASA programs we serve in California have the resources and support they need to increase their number of volunteers. We want to ensure that all children in foster care have a CASA volunteer by their side during a very difficult time in their lives. By continuing to strengthen our statewide network, California CASA is ensuring a brighter and more positive future for our most vulnerable children.

Our work is made possible only through the generosity of foundations, businesses, individuals, and partners. On behalf of our Board and staff, thank you so much for your support and for your commitment to our vision of providing hope to California’s 61,000 children in the foster care system.

In gratitude,

James Hatter
Board Chair
California CASA
Through a National CASA Association Renewal Growth Grant, California CASA Association secured $101,000 in pass-through funding and worked closely with 12 CASA programs to increase awareness and recruit volunteers. Growth in service to children in 2016 across these 13 counties (San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles, and 10 Bay Area counties) was nearly 12% – far above the statewide growth rate.

The California CASA Advocacy Advisory Panel (CCAAP) was launched in September 2016 and grew to 44 members representing 25 CASA programs. California CASA staff led webinars to review the objectives of the group, then conducted a webinar on California’s legislative process. Other activities included trainings for Central Region and Northern California executive directors related to engaging elected officials. Staff from local officials’ offices met with CASA program leaders, and the gathering was a great learning experience for both the program staff and government representatives. CCAAP activities will continue to leverage the connections and influence of CASA colleagues, staff, and volunteers throughout the state.

In October 2016, California CASA launched a mentoring program for new CASA leadership. When initiated, there were 14 new executive directors or program managers in the network. These individuals were paired with tenured executive directors to mentor and offer support on topics driven by the needs and interests of the mentee. This formal, robust mentoring for new E.D.s helped them to become effective and successful more quickly.

August 2017 was the one year mark of California CASA’s psychotropic medications project, developed to determine and promulgate best practices for CASA advocacy toward improving the physical, emotional, and mental health of children. Funded in part by Kaiser Permanente of Southern California, first year activities focused on assessing existing best-practices and identifying the service gaps and procedural flaws related to the administration and monitoring of psychotropic medication to foster youth. Through research, meetings with stakeholders, and interviews with program staff, California CASA gained a deeper understanding of the current practices and challenges. A next step is to create a comprehensive training module to support CASA health advocacy. This project is slated to also begin in Northern California once funding is secured.

Funded in large part by van Löben Sels/RembeRock Foundation, California CASA developed and executed a comprehensive marketing campaign to support 13 Northern California counties to increase awareness and recruit volunteers. The campaign included the creation of a TV public service announcement broadcast on the region’s ABC network affiliate; print and digital advertisements; radio announcements; social media content;
Pandora advertisements; and a dedicated website landing page on the California CASA website.

**California CASA hosted three CASA program leadership convenings**, one in each of the Far North and Central Regions in the fall of 2016, and a conference for all programs in Sacramento in January 2017. For the latter event, executive/program directors of nearly all 44 CASA programs were present for shared learning and exchange of programmatic highlights and progress against goals. All 14 new CASA E.D.s attended a “New E.D. Bootcamp,” with topics ranging from volunteer retention to board development. Made possible by funding from the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, these periodic gatherings are essential to the cohesion of the CASA network and the continuity of our work across the state.

Through funding from the Zellerbach Family Foundation, **California CASA hosted three Wellness Trainings in the Bay Area**. Topics included Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), Compassion Fatigue, and Understanding Grief and Loss in Youth in Foster Care. Attendees reported that the trainings offered many insights and would be valuable in their work with foster youth.

**California CASA staff represented the CASA network and strengthened partnerships with child welfare colleagues by participating in nearly 20 policy forums and on committees with key stakeholders.** A sample of these include the California Child Welfare Council, Child Welfare Advocates Roundtable, Psychotropic Medications Quality Improvement Project, Expert Panel of the California Department of Health Services, and California Department of Social Services. These groups focused on a variety of issues including whole child health, sexual exploitation of foster youth, access to higher education to employment among foster and probation youth, and legislative priorities.

**California CASA staff provided an annual legislative update** with descriptions clarifying the new laws as they affect CASA staff and volunteer work in the areas of foster youth rights, child welfare services, education, permanency, and other topics.

**California CASA concluded a four-year, Youth Outcomes Data Collection Project.** Funded by Kaiser Permanente of Northern California, the project engaged local CASA programs in the process of identifying and collecting youth outcomes data, and led to the creation of two tools – the CASA Tracker Youth Outcomes Tool and the Youth Outcomes CASA Volunteer Survey – enabling collection of data for use in improving services to children and illustrating the outcomes of the children served by CASA volunteers.
## The Need

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## The Solution

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582 CASA Staff and Volunteers Attended a California CASA Training

7 Quality Assurance Site Visits

1070 Hours of Tailored Technical Assistance

60 Hours of Quality Training Topics Responsive to the Network Needs
This has been an exciting year in child welfare policy. Child advocacy organizations were successful in getting three major child welfare budget requests approved, which included funding for: 1) dependency counsel statewide; 2) public health nurses to improve the accountability and tracking of psychotropic medication given to foster youth; and 3) childcare GAP payments for foster youth.

Additionally, the following three bills represent some of the most compelling and impactful bills to help foster and probation youth that California CASA supported this session:

1. **SB 12**, sponsored by John Burton Advocates for Youth, is a bill aimed at improving the college success of foster youth. It does so by streamlining the financial aid processes for foster youth and by ensuring that more community college campuses will have foster youth support programs.

2. **SB 233**, co-sponsored by the Alliance for Children's Rights, Public Counsel and the National Center for Youth Law, is aimed at closing the foster youth achievement gap by ensuring that foster parents are trained on foster youth-specific educational rights and have access to educational records.

3. **AB 1006**, sponsored by FamiliesNow, is a bill that aims to provide specialty permanency planning for foster youth.

Within days of the date of this publication, the three bills outlined above, plus another nine supported by CASA programs, were signed by Governor Brown. California CASA, together with many local CASA programs across the state, have been engaged and proactive in tracking legislation this session. We feel confident that the CASA voice has been heard by our legislators and the Governor.
Seetha Reddy heard about the CASA program through a colleague and felt called to volunteer. Three years into her service, Seetha has worked with three different foster youth. With each of the children, one thing became clear: The transience of people in foster children’s lives. “I realized that I was the only person that visited my foster child consistently. Often these children are lonely and uncertain about who is ‘on their side’ and who they can confide in. When parents are removed from a child’s life, their safety zone is taken away.”

Being a trusted safety zone is important to Seetha. “I’ve always wanted my CASA child to know that they can blow off steam with me. They’ve already gone through so many hard things in life; it is only natural that they have moments of frustration, sadness, and anger. Each time I’ve met my CASA child for the first time, you could see that they were surprised that I wasn’t paid to see them frequently—that I came because I wanted to. From day one, those aspects of being a CASA volunteer seemed to help them feel nurtured and protected.”

Seetha’s second case child was adopted. “Her adoption ceremony was one of the best days of my life. I saw her go from being really scared to being a rambunctious preteen who trusted people. It took a lot of work to get there, but we did it together.” Seetha is still in touch with the girl and sees her every few months. “With each of my CASA children, I share that just because our formal CASA relationship has ended, it doesn’t mean we can’t be friends. In fact, I hope we are always friends.”

As Seetha reflects on her time as a CASA, she talks about all of the things the experience has taught her. “I’ve learned a lot about myself. To really make progress you have to be patient and wait for the right moments. I remember once I was driving with one of the children, and I pulled over because I knew the child was about to tell me something really important and I wanted her to know I was 100% focused and there for her.”

“We need CASA volunteers of all genders, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Being South Asian has helped me relate to my CASA children who have also come from minority groups. If you don’t think you have enough resources or the right background to be a CASA volunteer, remember that all you need to give is time, patience, and understanding.”

“We need CASA volunteers of all genders, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.” – Seetha Reddy, Yolo County CASA

This article is one of Yolo County CASA’s many “Hearts of Yolo” volunteer profiles. Read more on their website: yolocasa.org
Denis Loiseau has been involved with CASA for 30 years, since 1987, just ten years after the first CASA program was founded in Seattle.

In the mid-1980s, Denis moved to Marin County with his wife, Susan, when he was working in the insurance industry. He wanted to get involved in his community, and sought out possible board positions through the Volunteer Center in Marin. Marin CASA was his first and only interview because of the strong impact that the CASA program and mission had on him. Denis’ wife had spent time in foster care as a teenager, and upon hearing about the CASA mission, Susan shared with Denis that she wished she’d had a CASA when she was in foster care. She also gave him permission from the start to share that information.

In the 30 years since Denis first appointment as a CASA program board member in Marin County, he has also served on the California CASA Board of Directors, including as board chair, and is an emeritus board member. Denis is now an advisor to California CASA and has been involved in our annual *Lifting Hearts* fundraiser for several years, generously donating a stay at his vacation home in Mexico for auction - which has become a highlight of the event.

Though Denis’ professional career has been in insurance, he has devoted his free time to his music and songwriting avocation. Music has always been part of his life. After playing folk and blues in coffeehouses in his hometown of Denver, Denis moved to California, performing with various bands in the San Francisco Bay Area in the 1980s and ‘90s. As time went on, his muse turned to songwriting. Since then, Denis has licensed original songs to Nashville publishers, various music libraries, and composed for film and theater.

In 2015, Denis wrote the song "Every Child's Eyes," with Irish co-writer Maurice Byrne, and co-produced the music video for California CASA Association as a unique volunteer recruitment and fundraising tool made available to local CASA programs.

The song tells the story of a young boy in foster care, and how his CASA volunteer helped him find a forever family. The production of the video was generously supported by the Walter S. Johnson Foundation and many others.

The California CASA board & staff deeply appreciate Denis and Susan Loiseau’s contributions over the years and their ongoing commitment to growing and sustaining the CASA program, and for their belief that *all children are our children*, in need of caring attention and support.

"It’s up to you and me to be the ones who care...To keep a light in every child's eyes." - Lyrics from "Every Child's Eyes"
Vivacious and personable, Karen Schaefer has been in social services since 1999. She now serves as the Regional Program Director for CASA of Butte, Glenn, Shasta, and Tehama Counties. Karen has spent a total of 18 years within the CASA programs' umbrella organization, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Inc. (NVCSS), first working with pregnant and parenting teens, homeless families, mentally ill homeless, and managing an Independent Living Program for foster youth. As Karen shared, the challenges foster youth face have always "pulled on the heart strings," so it's no surprise that she would go on to grow existing CASA programs, and establish a new one, in Tehama County, in 2014. Karen and the CASA programs she leads are resilient and resourceful, and make great use of their modest budgets.

Staff manage the CASA volunteers in Glenn and Tehama Counties, and use the peer coordinator model in Shasta and Butte Counties. The peer coordinator model, favored by many CASA programs, enlists seasoned CASA volunteers to supervise fellow volunteers and help guide them in their volunteer service. Karen’s programs have a total of 14 peer coordinators. Thanks to recent funding from the Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA), Karen and her team were able to hire an Outreach Coordinator, whose work has resulted in a marked increase in volunteer inquiries and volunteers trained.

The influx of volunteers comes at a time when the number of children brought into foster care is rapidly growing. "The numbers are growing in the area," said Karen, "there's a higher percentage of drug use and the heroin epidemic is hitting us hard. In Shasta County, for example, we used to have 15-40 children coming into dependency (foster care) each month, and now the average is 40-60 children. And, in Tehama County, the average number of children in dependency annually was 220 and now that's up to 350.”

Karen Schaefer's decision to devote her career to those most vulnerable reflects her upbringing; her parents' encouragement to help others. "These children are in foster care at no fault of their own, and if I can do something to make a difference in a kid's life, that's what I should be doing." Karen's passion for helping others is well known in her community, and the program's renown continues to grow, thanks, in part, to the annual Super Hero Run. The fundraiser hosted 1,500 "Super Hero" runners last year, between the two runs held in Chico and Redding. We know that for Karen Schaefer and her team, the challenges ahead require the planned pace of a marathon runner, but that they will continue to grow, persevere, and give more foster youth in their region the much-needed advocacy CASA volunteers provide.

“If I can do something to make a difference in a kid's life, that's what I should be doing.” – Karen Schaefer, Regional Program Director, NVCSS
This pie chart indicates that 80% of all funding received is spent directly on programs impacting the lives of foster children. We are proud that our ratio of program versus admin and fundraising costs is well within the industry norm and meets nonprofit financial standards.

California CASA receives 75% of revenue from foundations, corporations, and from National CASA and the Judicial Council of California. The remainder is received from individual trusts, donations, and through special events.

To see California CASA’s complete finances, please contact us at staff@californiacasa.org and request our audit or review it on our website, at www.californiacasa.org.
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“I believe that if you can make a difference in at least one person’s life, then you have been successful.” - Unknown
Sharon M. Lawrence, Esq., Chief Executive Officer
Sharon joined California CASA in November 2017 after a very successful 20-year tenure with Voices for Children (VFC), the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program for San Diego and Riverside Counties. During her tenure, the organization experienced extraordinary growth and recognition. Sharon brings strong leadership skills, and deep fundraising and organizational development knowledge to the CASA network.

Janel Brown, Data and Technology Manager
On the staff of California CASA since 2004, Janel maintains the California CASA website, develops online tools and content for social media, and manages the organization’s data storage and technology systems.

Lily Colby, Esq., Policy and Program Coordinator
Lily’s 10 years of experience in public policy and advocacy work and her law degree bring considerable expertise to the network. She is a former foster youth, a former foster parent, and is passionate about educating policy makers on important child welfare issues.

Nina Dessart, Administrative and Financial Manager
Nina’s 18+ years in nonprofit administrative management help to ensure smooth day-to-day office management. Among her responsibilities, Nina assists the California CASA staff and Board of Directors with accounting, budgeting, and data report management.

Karen Finan, Program Director
Drawing on more than 15 years of senior-level CASA experience to support the staff members across 44 CASA programs, Karen provides training, conducts quality assurance site visits, and advises on organizational and programmatic best practices.

Lara Kilpatrick
Director of Fund Development
With more than 20 years in fundraising and marketing in both nonprofit and private sector environments, Lara specializes in effective fund development and marketing strategy, and joined the California CASA staff in 2015.
California CASA Association is deeply grateful to the foundations, businesses, and individuals who support our work each year. Their generosity and vision sustain our operations and vital projects, helping to bring us closer to the day when all children in foster care who need one have a CASA to ensure that they receive the services and support needed to succeed.

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Kaiser Permanente
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OUR VISION

Our Vision is that every foster child in California has access to the service and support of a CASA volunteer. California CASA is working hard to support our network of programs in reaching our goal of providing 15,000 children with a CASA before 2020, and then pushing on to reach even more of the 61,000 children in the foster care system.

Together, we can achieve this goal. We ask that you consider ways that you can partner in this vision:

- Make an individual donation.
- Make a gift through your company’s matching gift program.
- Establish an estate gift to make a stock transfer.
- Attend Lifting Hearts, our annual fundraiser.
- Host a fundraiser for California CASA.
- Become a Corporate CASA Champion with a gift of $10,000 or more.
- Become a CASA Volunteer - Find your local program on our website.
- Join our online social media network on Facebook and Twitter.
- Spread the word about CASA, create awareness about the work we do!