Our Vision

That one day every foster child in California will have access to the transformative service and support of a CASA volunteer.

Our Mission

California Court Appointed Special Advocate Association ensures that children and youth in the foster care system have both a voice and the services they need for a stable future.

Our Values

- EMPATHY
- DEDICATION
- COLLABORATION
- JUSTICE
- EXPERTISE
- RESOURCEFULNESS
- INCLUSIVENESS
- INTEGRITY
- OPTIMISM
- GRATITUDE

THE CALIFORNIA CASA WAY

We connect all of California’s 44 local CASA programs through statewide meetings, training sessions, and online communication networks. We raise awareness of the need for Court Appointed Special Advocates across our state and provide support, advice, resources, and oversight to maintain high-quality programs that serve children’s best interests. We advocate for legislation that benefits children in foster care and the CASA volunteers who work on their behalf.
Dear Friends,

It’s hard to imagine anyone intentionally hurting an innocent child. But it happens every single day, in every community up and down the state of California. Children are physically or emotionally abused, neglected, or abandoned by those they trust the most: their parents or caregivers. When a child is removed by a social worker and enters the foster care system because their home is no longer safe, the child’s world turns upside down. But if they are lucky, a judge appoints an incredibly special volunteer to help them: a Court Appointed Special Advocate, or CASA. The gifts they freely offer these children are time, devotion, caring, mentorship, trust, and powerful advocacy that can profoundly change a life. They are creating new trails for these children, trails that will hopefully lead to a better future.

CASA volunteers in California are ordinary men and women who do extraordinary work. They are recruited, screened, and highly trained by professionals at one of the 44 local CASA programs in our state network. They advocate for a child’s best interests in court, in schools, and in the community. As sworn officers of the court, CASA volunteers are assigned to help one child or a sibling group at a time, focusing on the individualized advocacy and attention that is so desperately needed. CASAs are the “eyes and ears” for the judges, beacons of hope for children, and often the only stable, consistent presence in these boys’ and girls’ lives.

There is a crisis in our state. California has more children in foster care than anywhere else in the U.S.—83,000 of them—and they are suffering. California CASA proudly oversees our network of 44 local programs, which today serve 14,150 children through the volunteer activities of 8,790 CASAs. But we must do even better than serving just 17% of our children. It is our vision that within a decade, every child in California who needs a CASA will have one.

This report shares the impact we have had in Fiscal Year 2018-2019, as we move forward on a trajectory of dramatic growth and expansion. We have been able to accomplish a great deal in a short time, but we have so much more to do.

We are deeply grateful to every individual, foundation, corporation, and government agency whose generosity has helped us reach new heights over the past year. With your help, we know that our ambitious Serve Every Child/California vision will become a reality.

With thanks,

James Hatter

Sharon M. Lawrence, Esq.

Serve Every Child/California

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson
“Children are one-third of our population and 100% of our future.”

– Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health, 1981
The total lifetime economic burden associated with child abuse and neglect in the United States was approximately $124 billion in 2008. This rivals the cost of other high-profile public health problems, such as stroke and type 2 diabetes.*

* according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
5 Key Actions of a CASA

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES HELP CHILDREN NAVIGATE THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM:

ADVOCATE
Speak up for the best interest of a child

SUPPORT
Provide a stable and caring relationship

INVESTIGATE
Gather important information

REPORT
Organize and present details

RECOMMEND
Offer ideas that will improve the situation
THREE KEY OUTCOMES

Safety

A Forever Home

Well-Being
A child in foster care needs someone to look up to, someone to count on. Having a stable relationship with a supportive adult can help children do well, even when they have faced significant trauma and hardship.

California has more foster children than any state in the nation—12% of the 690,548 children who live each year in foster care. That's 83,000 California children whose lives have been turned upside down through no fault of their own. Often from an early age, these boys and girls face unimaginable trauma and are forced to deal with complex emotions that should not be part of childhood: sadness, anger, fear, hopelessness, grief. They have lost trust in adults. Their hearts ache. They bear the scars of trauma—inside and out.

All children have the right to live in an environment free from abuse and neglect. They need a family and a permanent place to call home. To thrive, they need consistency and connectedness in their lives. CASA volunteers are devoted to making those things possible for children in foster care. Today, 8,790 California men and women are doing just that: helping foster children one-on-one as their court advocates, mentors, role models, champions, and beacons of hope.
Nationally, about 1 in 7 children experienced abuse and neglect in the past year.*

* according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
A BEACON OF HOPE FOR A FOSTER CHILD

690,548
Number of Children in foster care in the UNITED STATES

83,000
Number of Children in CALIFORNIA foster care

12%
Percentage of the nation’s children in foster care living in California

24,255 or 29% of California’s foster care population are aged 14+
Among older youth exiting foster care system in California, 65% age out without being reunited with their families or connected with another family*.

50% graduate HIGH SCHOOL

40% experience HOMLESSNESS within 18 months after leaving the system

28% receive PUBLIC ASSISTANCE by age 21

40% are UNEMPLOYED by age 24

*according to kidsdata.org (Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health)
Foster Children Most Vulnerable to Adverse Childhood Experiences

Dr. Nadine Burke Harris is an American pediatrician who was named as the state’s first-ever Surgeon General in 2019 by California Governor Gavin Newsom. She has dedicated much of her career to spreading the word to fellow doctors and the public about the dangers of toxic stress to children, championing a multidisciplinary approach to these problems.

Childhood adversity literally gets under a child’s skin, changing brains and bodies. It not only affects brain development, it can alter children's hormonal systems, immune systems, and even their DNA. This can cause behavioral problems, learning difficulties, and physical health issues. Exposure to ACEs (the acronym for Adverse Childhood Experiences) includes abuse, neglect, domestic violence, and parental mental illness and substance abuse. Foster children experience these traumas far more often than other children, and it can shape not only their behavior and health but also their worldview. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) occurs in foster children at rates equal to returning war veterans—a grim statistic.

51% of children in the child welfare system who have taken the ACEs questionnaire have had four or more “adverse experiences,” while outside of foster care, only 13% of children had the same. According to a 2017 study, Generations United, “Children in foster care are at least five times more likely to have anxiety, depression, and/or behavioral/health problems than children not in foster care.”

California has more abused, neglected children in foster care (ages newborn to 21) than any state in the nation. These 83,000 children, nearly equally divided by boys and girls, have been removed from their biological families because of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. They live in large and small cities and towns up and down our state, and are united by their need for a safe, permanent place to live and at least one trusted adult to help them navigate the trauma of the foster care system. A CASA is just such a trusted adult in the life of a foster child.
In 2018, children with a CASA volunteer found a permanent home two months faster than those without a CASA volunteer.*

* according to the National CASA/GAL Association
ACCORDING TO CHILDREN’S ATTORNEYS AND SOCIAL WORKERS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH A CASA VOLUNTEER ARE MORE LIKELY TO:

- Receive needed services in a timely manner
- Be enrolled in an appropriate educational setting
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Have long-term connections to siblings, relatives, or other support people
- Be on track to graduate high school on time
- Enroll in post-secondary education
ACTIVE CASA VOLUNTEERS STATEWIDE
8,790

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE SERVED BY THE CALIFORNIA CASA NETWORK
14,150

TOTAL HOURS CONTRIBUTED BY CASA VOLUNTEERS
574,482

TOTAL VALUE OF SERVICE HOURS BY CASAS IN ONE YEAR
$17,205,735*

* independent sector rate for the state of California of $29.95/hour
CASA Volunteers: A powerful, cost-efficient solution.

CASA volunteers can address many of the issues that cause foster children to score so high on the “ACEs” scale. They can also help stop the foster care-to-prison pipeline that so often occurs, with more than 25% of former foster youth entering the juvenile justice system within two years of aging out of foster care.

On average, it costs only around $2,500 per year to recruit, train, and supervise a CASA volunteer to serve a foster child. Compare that to the enormous societal costs without the kind of advocacy, mentorship, and support that only a CASA can provide. For example, the per-inmate cost of imprisonment in our state is approximately $81,200 a year, according to the nonpartisan California Legislative Analyst (2018).

But CASAs provide many benefits to foster children that are hard to quantify in dollars. The fact that CASAs are volunteers has deep meaning for these children. In many cases, their CASA is the only adult in their lives who is not paid to take care of them. CASAs are there because they want to be, and children recognize that. Another powerful impact of CASAs is their consistency. When they say they will see the child next week, they always show up. It is hard for foster children to depend on adults—after all, it is adults who have let them down, repeatedly. But CASAs teach children to trust again, and in the process, they can help renew self-confidence, self-esteem, and self-efficacy in traumatized boys and girls. These gifts are priceless.
The California CASA Network
Our goal: To Serve Every Child

*CASA of Orange County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 3,507
CHILDREN SERVED: 784

*Casa Advocates of Placer County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 308
CHILDREN SERVED: 283

Plumas CASA
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 63
CHILDREN SERVED: 22

Sacramento CASA
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 3,266
CHILDREN SERVED: 192

Voices for Children of San Diego and Riverside Counties
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 7,756
CHILDREN SERVED: 3,080

CASA of San Benito County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 62
CHILDREN SERVED: 41

Child Advocates of San Bernardino County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 8,936
CHILDREN SERVED: 192

Casa of San Joaquin County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 1,908
CHILDREN SERVED: 124

Casa of San Luis Obispo County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 553
CHILDREN SERVED: 315

San Francisco CASA
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 985
CHILDREN SERVED: 334

Casa of Santa Barbara County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 563
CHILDREN SERVED: 510

Casa of Santa Cruz County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 311
CHILDREN SERVED: 248

Child Advocates of Silicon Valley
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 1,726
CHILDREN SERVED: 974

Casa of Siskiyou County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 128
CHILDREN SERVED: 70

Casa of Solano County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 579
CHILDREN SERVED: 197

Casa of Sonoma County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 725
CHILDREN SERVED: 311

Casa of Stanislaus County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 1,124
CHILDREN SERVED: 229

Casa of Tulare County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 1,625
CHILDREN SERVED: 556

Casa of Ventura County
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 1,041
CHILDREN SERVED: 317

Yolo County CASA
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE: 636
CHILDREN SERVED: 190

* Number of children and non-minor dependents in a foster care placement in 2018. Data source: CWS/CMS 2018Q4
* Number of children in foster care served from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Data self-reported by local CASA programs.
“California CASA wants us to succeed—to double the number of children served—and will spend the extra time with us to answer questions, help us brainstorm, and support us.”

– Jami Alexander, Director of Family Services, CASA of San Joaquin County
1,637 HOURS OF CUSTOMIZED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1,095 PARTICIPANTS IN CALIFORNIA CASA WEBINARS & IN-PERSON TRAINING

136 LEGAL COUNSEL HOURS PROVIDED BY CALIFORNIA CASA ATTORNEYS
LOCAL CASA PROGRAMS IN CALIFORNIA'S NETWORK

44

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE LIVING IN THE 51 COUNTIES SERVED BY CASA PROGRAMS

99%

STAFF MEMBERS EMPLOYED BY LOCAL CASA PROGRAMS STATEWIDE

444

TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE OF ALL LOCAL CASA PROGRAMS STATEWIDE

$41,477,603
California CASA provides a wide range of services that strengthen CASA service, quality, and impact. Through our leadership and partnerships with community members, judges, and lawmakers, the CASA network continues to grow.

**TRAINING**
We serve local CASA programs through technical assistance, training opportunities, materials, and resources to address the educational, health, employment, and other needs of youth in foster care.

**ADVOCACY**
We serve communities by providing leadership at the state level, communicating the CASA perspective, and advocating for best practices in child welfare policy.

**SUPPORT**
We serve children in foster care statewide by identifying funding and partnership opportunities to increase recruitment and training of CASA volunteers.

**CONNECTION**
We serve CASA volunteers and employees by facilitating opportunities for networking and sharing of best practices. We are stronger together.

**AWARENESS**
We serve the CASA cause by amplifying the voice of local CASA programs through investments in marketing and communication, community collaborations, and public engagements.
“California CASA offers wonderful webinars and trainings that help our program better serve youth in foster care. In addition, they support us with outreach/marketing tools.”

– Lori Keyser-Boswell, Program Director, CASA of Siskiyou County
Across the geographically vast state of California, CASA programs serve highly diverse populations and face unique community challenges. California CASA believes the best way to sustain a strong and thriving network is through opportunities for professional development and training.

Each year, we welcome CASA Executive Directors to a multi-day “boot camp” where they get refreshers on everything from dependency law to fundraising to human resources and financial management. Leading a local CASA program requires expertise, administrative acumen, dedication, and compassion. At California CASA, we know that facilitating teamwork and networking produces successful individual CASA organizations and benefits the state as a whole.

In addition, California CASA presents monthly webinars and in-person trainings with expert lecturers and relevant child-welfare specialists. Local CASA programs and their volunteers can join in live, or consult training materials online at their convenience through the California CASA website.

DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE FOLLOWING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WERE OFFERED:

• Nonprofit Essentials: Roles & Responsibilities of Effective Nonprofit Boards
• Foster Youth Deserve Quality Parenting: How CASAs Can Help
• Dependency Legislation: Updates on New Laws
• Child and Adolescent Development Research and Brain Science, and Quality Parenting
• Everything You Wanted to Know About Child Welfare Services and Case Management Services but Were Afraid to Ask!
• Reproductive and Sexual Health Care Rights for Youth in Juvenile Dependency
• Board Governance for CASA Programs
• Fundraising Workshop for Northern California CASA Programs
• Fundraising Workshop for Southern California CASA Programs
• CASAs for Youth in Juvenile Justice
The dictionary definition of the verb “to advocate” is “to publicly support or suggest an idea, development, or way of doing something.” California CASA is honored to be the active voice of our network, advocating at the state level. We listen to the needs of children in foster care, expressed each day by CASA volunteers and staff out in the field, and we speak up in favor of legislation and policies that support a child’s journey through the foster care system to a safe and permanent home.

In 2018, California CASA sponsored Senate Bill 925 which entitles every youth with a CASA to have them present as part of their Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings. The powerful work of State Senator Jim Beall (CA-15) was instrumental in getting this important legislation passed and we are so grateful for all he continues to do on behalf of California’s children. Other Assembly and Senate bills supported by California CASA that recently passed include: AB2083, AB2247, AB2448, SB1083, and SB1391. Our legislative specialists regularly produce and distribute fact sheets on new laws; these are available through the California CASA website.

California CASA gives support to local CASA programs based on the specific needs of each region and our shared mission of recruiting more CASA volunteers for youth in the dependency system. In FY2018-2019, we secured $4,000,000 in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds for the network and increased the grant amount to $5,625,000 for FY2019-2020. Every local program is now funded by VOCA. In addition, we facilitated Judicial Council funding of $2,213,000 for local programs and boosted the amount by $500,000 to $2,713,000 for FY2019-2020.

Beyond funding, California CASA also provides the network with legal counsel as well as technical assistance on program management, marketing, fundraising, human resources, and financial management.
“Navigating government funding is daunting for a local program and California CASA has done an excellent job securing new funding from the state and clarifying requirements to ensure we can comply in a consistent manner.”

– Renee Espinoza, Executive Director, San Francisco CASA
“California CASA has provided multiple forums to connect with other programs. The Executive Director trainings, meetings, and listservs facilitate connections so that individual programs can share information and support and learn from one another, all for the benefit of the children who need and receive our services.”

– Nkia D. Richardson, Executive Director, CASA of San Mateo
California CASA knows the importance of providing opportunities for convergence, connection, and collaboration to bind our network together. Local CASA programs in our state range from small teams to multi-office programs, located in diverse places, from large cities to rural communities with miles of geography in between. We aim to truly be there for every member of our network, offering encouragement, advice, and compassion, and creating systems to trade stories and support.

Each year, California CASA sponsors a day-long conference for Executive Directors with inspirational, informative presentations related to CASA, foster children, and the courts. With the support of the Judicial Council, we offer a chance for all Executive Directors to see each other in person, exchange ideas, and learn new strategies. During FY2018-2019, we also organized well-attended regional meetings in the Bay Area, far north, central, and southern regions. At all these meetings, local CASA leaders and team members have a chance to exchange best practices, share experiences, and explore ways to support more children throughout California.

There are 700 miles separating the northern- and southern-most boundaries of California, and for CASA leaders to come together in person can be challenging. Therefore, California CASA also offers ways to connect virtually. We manage subject-based email listservs where CASA employees can pose questions to their counterparts in other programs and get immediate feedback and assistance. Our staff members are always available for phone or email consultation on a variety of subjects. We also meet with them, in person, as needed. And through our website, local CASA programs can upload and download training materials, administrative forms, marketing tools, and legislative reports so the entire network can stay informed and work together.
California CASA amplifies the collective voice of all 44 of our state’s local CASA programs in order to raise awareness about the needs of abused, neglected children. Along with the stories of trauma that often follow a child on their journey through the dependency system, there are moments of hope, such as when that child puts their trust in a CASA volunteer for the first time...and is not disappointed.

There are also tales of success—when a child feels safe, does better in school, or finds a forever family through reunification or adoption. These are the stories that inspire us the most. It’s important to open our eyes to the pain these children face, but it’s equally important to remember that there are generous, dedicated, committed individuals ready to help. California CASA aims to tell the whole story and give a voice to our network, so local CASA programs can focus on recruiting and training more volunteers to be the voices of children in foster care.

We communicate to a variety of important stakeholders, each with their own role to play in helping our cause. We create print, digital, email, and social media campaigns to introduce the public to our organization, recruit CASA volunteers, and increase donations to local programs. Each month, we provide thoughtfully designed social media content to our 44 network programs for use on their own digital channels. We also publish and distribute reports and training materials for CASA employees and volunteers.

In Sacramento, California CASA regularly updates legislators and makes recommendations on bills and legislation based on real-time needs voiced by our local CASA programs. We keep the conversation going with our network, their Boards of Directors, the media, our donors, the public at large, and in communities up and down the state of California.
“Voices for Children is grateful for our partnership with the California CASA Association. We look forward to working with them in the coming years as we continue to serve foster children in San Diego and Riverside Counties.”

– Kelly Capen Douglas, President & CEO, Voices for Children
On the Horizon

CASAs Give Hope to Juvenile Justice Youth

With a visionary investment in July 2018 from an advised fund of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, California CASA embarked on a landmark pilot project: CASAs for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System. We know from years of experience with dependent children that most kids in the Juvenile Justice system have suffered the same kinds of childhood trauma as those in dependency. We hope that this multi-year pilot will establish that justice-involved youth can also thrive with the individual attention, support, and advocacy that only a CASA can provide.

Each year, some 30,000 children are in the California Juvenile Justice system. These young men and women are, in many ways, no different from those in the general foster care population, except that they made mistakes, sometimes under very difficult life circumstances, and were caught. Many justice-involved youths come from dysfunctional families, have struggled in school or dropped out, or have a family history of poverty, substance abuse, or violence. Just as with foster children, justice-involved youth need a consistent, dependable adult in their lives to help them navigate the court system and take the steps necessary to improve their lives.
In 2015, the California legislature recognized the needs of Juvenile Justice youth and enacted laws so that CASAs may offer advocacy and support to this population, as they do for dependency youth. CASA intervention and support can completely change the trajectory of these young men and women, who otherwise might end up trapped in the costly and harsh criminal justice system. (In California, citizens pay $81,200 a year for every inmate in prison.)

California CASA’s innovative and ground-breaking pilot project began in early 2019, with four CASA programs selected to participate: Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties. The project is led by The Honorable Carol Isackson (ret.), California CASA’s Senior Policy Advisor, who is working with the CASA program professionals, CEO Sharon Lawrence, and court, probation, legal, and law enforcement personnel in the four counties.

Rigorous data collection and evaluation are crucial to the integrity of the research, which is being directed by the eminent Joseph Ryan, Ph.D., who leads the University of Michigan School of Social Work’s Child and Adolescent Data Lab. Dr. Ryan and his team have designed the pilot to measure three outcomes of juvenile justice youth who are on probation: self-efficacy, school attendance, and compliance with probation conditions. Eighty youth will be randomly selected for CASA assignment, along with a matched control group that will not have CASAs. Probation and the CASA programs will collect data about both groups to compare outcomes.

Judge Isackson worked with Dr. Fran Chadwick of CSU San Marcos to design a curriculum for the initial two-day training, held in Oakland in June 2019. The training was planned to help pilot participants, as well as other local CASA program staff, gain a better understanding of the role CASAs can play for justice-involved youth.

The pilot will conclude in 2021 with an evaluation report and a final convening of all participants. If successful, the resulting Juvenile Justice protocol and training will be rolled out to the entire California CASA network. Ultimately, our goal is twofold: to empirically demonstrate the value of CASAs to youth in the juvenile justice system, and to ensure that future volunteers are able to help thousands more youth who need their advocacy. We hope that CASAs will play a significant role in helping these young men and women to achieve successful adult lives and move beyond the circumstances that brought them into the Juvenile Justice system in the first place.
Financial Summary
FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

This year, California CASA has seen substantial fiscal growth and stabilization. Thanks to prudent management and the generous support of individual and institutional donors, the Balance Sheet grew from $394,220 in FY2017-2018 to $1,151,212 in FY2018-2019. Revenue grew 91% due to significant funds for the Juvenile Justice Pilot Project, major VOCA support from the state’s Office of Emergency Services, and unrestricted operating funds from many donors. This growth is part of a planned strategy by the Board and staff to ultimately “Serve Every Child” in California foster care who needs a CASA. Our independent audited financial statements were prepared by R.J. Ricciardi, Inc. Certified Public Accountants, San Rafael, California. California CASA’s complete financial documentation is available at www.californiacasa.org; or contact us at staff@californiacasa.org to request our most recent audit or IRS 990.

Statement of Audited Financials
FY2018-2019 & FY2017-2018

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Contributed Income

A private, nonprofit organization (tax ID #68-0163010), California CASA is supported by many individuals, foundations, corporations, and government grants. Under the leadership of the Board of Directors, CEO Sharon Lawrence, and Chief Philanthropy Officer Anne Farrell, contributed income increased from $778,760 in FY2017-2018 to $1,483,834 in FY2018-2019. The Board and staff have undertaken concerted efforts to expand income from all sources as part of our ten-year "Serve Every Child/California" vision.

Expenses

76% of expenses go directly to programs impacting the lives of California’s foster children through support of the CASA network in California. As a labor-intensive operation, personnel comprise a large part of expenses, most of it focused on delivering training, support, and counsel to the 44 local programs. Financial management was overseen by the Board Treasurers, first Adam Wallace and then Kevin Gardner, and Chief Financial Officer Joan Reilly.
With Thanks

The California CASA Association is grateful to the individuals, foundations, companies, and government agencies that support our work each year. Their generosity sustains our operations, provides the basis for our growth, and allows us to better serve our network of 44 local CASA programs statewide. Most important: our donors are making possible an ambitious long-term vision that one day, every foster child in California will have access to a CASA volunteer.

Stellar Supporters
Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Advised Fund
Anonymous (2)
California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
The Walter S. Johnson Foundation
Our Little Light Foundation

Champions
Judicial Council of California
Anonymous
National CASA/GAL Association
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