

Become A Powerful Voice For Youth in your Community



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

MARYLAND CASA ASSOCIATION



- *More than half* of Maryland children in foster care are over the age of 14, and 27% are over the age of 17.
- Without family to rely on, these young people are at high risk of homelessness, joblessness, illness, incarceration, welfare dependency, early childbearing, and sexual and physical victimization.
- These young adults have no one to speak up on their behalf...

What is a CASA?

A Court-Appointed Special Advocate or “CASA” is a *trained volunteer advocate* who serves as the “eyes and ears” of the court in cases of child abuse and neglect. CASAs gather information from the youth, his/her biological parents, foster parents, teachers, counselors, etc. and make recommendations to the judge as to what is in the *youth’s best interest*, helping them make a successful transition to adulthood.

*...until a CASA
comes along.*



Become a voice for a young person in need.

Become a CASA today.

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