



CASA Sacramento

Mission

Ensuring consistency and support for children in the foster care and juvenile justice systems through the use of volunteer advocates advancing the best interests of each child.

Who We Serve

Children and youth in Sacramento County who have experienced abuse or neglect and are involved in, or at risk of entering, the juvenile dependency court system. Children range from infancy through young adulthood and are disproportionately impacted by trauma, family instability, educational disruption, and unmet physical, developmental, and mental health needs.

Project: Expansion of Early Childhood Advocacy

Responding to a need for early, preventive advocacy designed to keep children safely with their families has the greatest potential to alter life trajectories, stabilize families and reduce future system involvement. This project fills a critical gap in the child welfare continuum. Focused on proactive intervention, volunteers are matched with children ages 0-5 and work alongside families to ensure children's developmental, educational, and safety needs are addressed consistently.

How Grant Funds will be Used

- Expand population of Advocates (CASAs): develop training, conduct marketing outreach
- Allocated staff (.5 Case Manager, .2 Program Supervisor, .2 Training coordinator, .25 Volunteer Outreach) to build new processes based on proven methodologies
- Website content upgrades

How the Project is Transformational

This prevention-focused approach aims to strengthen family stability, reduce unnecessary system involvement, and improve long-term outcomes for children during the most formative years of their lives, reducing the long-term need for services.

Sustainability

This is an investment in new process development, leading to longer term outcomes.

- Produce a sufficient volume of Early Childhood Advocates
- Train staff intensively
- Establish ongoing recruitment campaigns

What is Unique About this Project

CASA is the only agency approved by the Superior Court and Judicial Council to represent the child in legal proceedings. The project is expected to reduce foster care entries, improve education and childhood development, lower rates of future juvenile justice involvement, and contribute to stronger, more resilient families.