

2024

CASA OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI



Who we are...

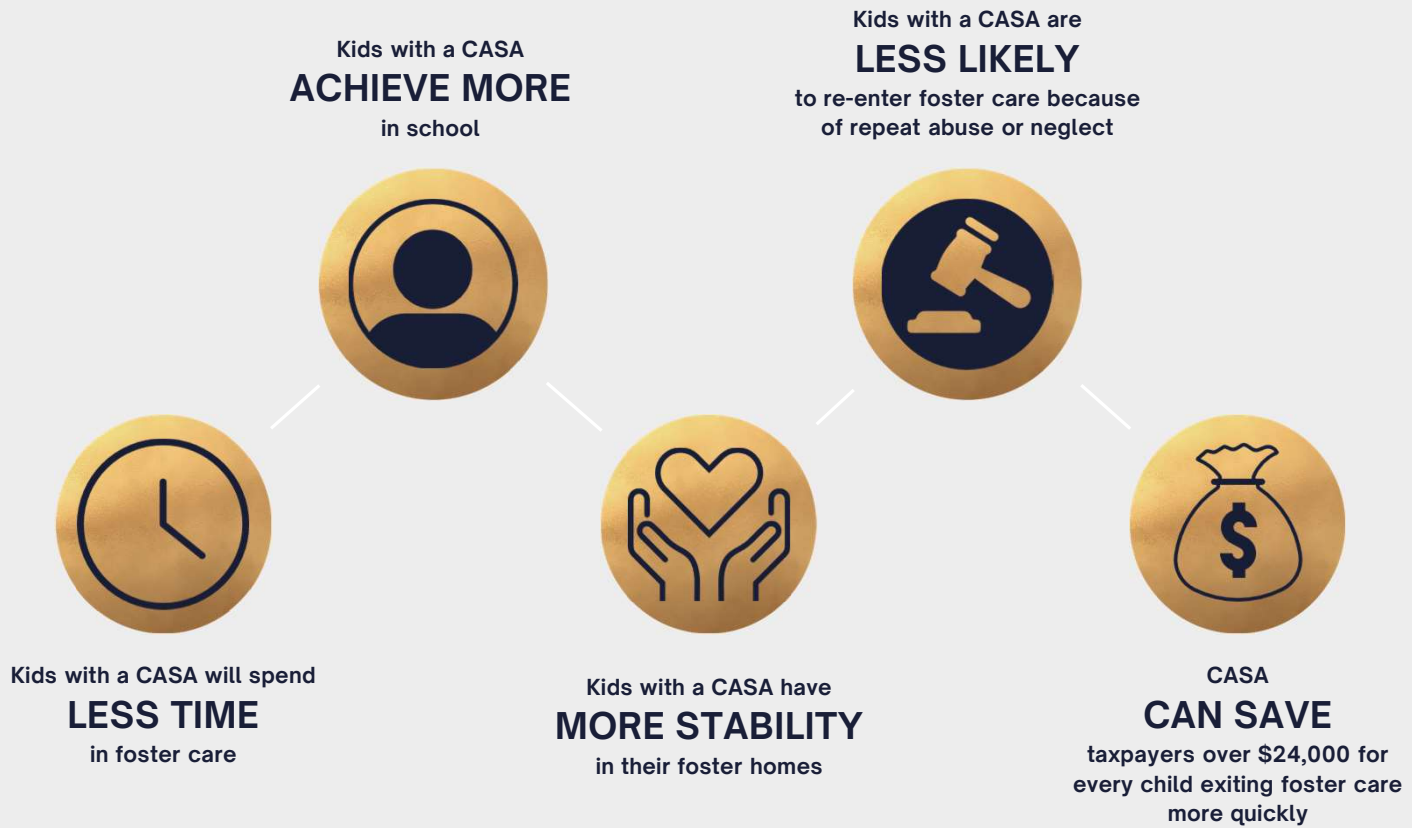
CASA's (Court Appointed Special Advocates) are trained volunteers, who are assigned to a child's case in foster care. The CASA volunteer advocates for the child's best interest.

The CASA serves as both a mentor and an advocate for the foster child. Often, our CASA's are the most consistent person in a child's life during their time in foster care.

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The Case for CASA





Program Information

CASA of Southwest Missouri recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers who advocate for the best interest of children in foster care in Greene, Christian, and Taney Counties.

01 Chronic Neglect, Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse

02 Foster care system = constant change

03 Serves children and young adults (0-21)

04 There are over 1,300 children in foster care in Greene, Christian, and Taney Counties.

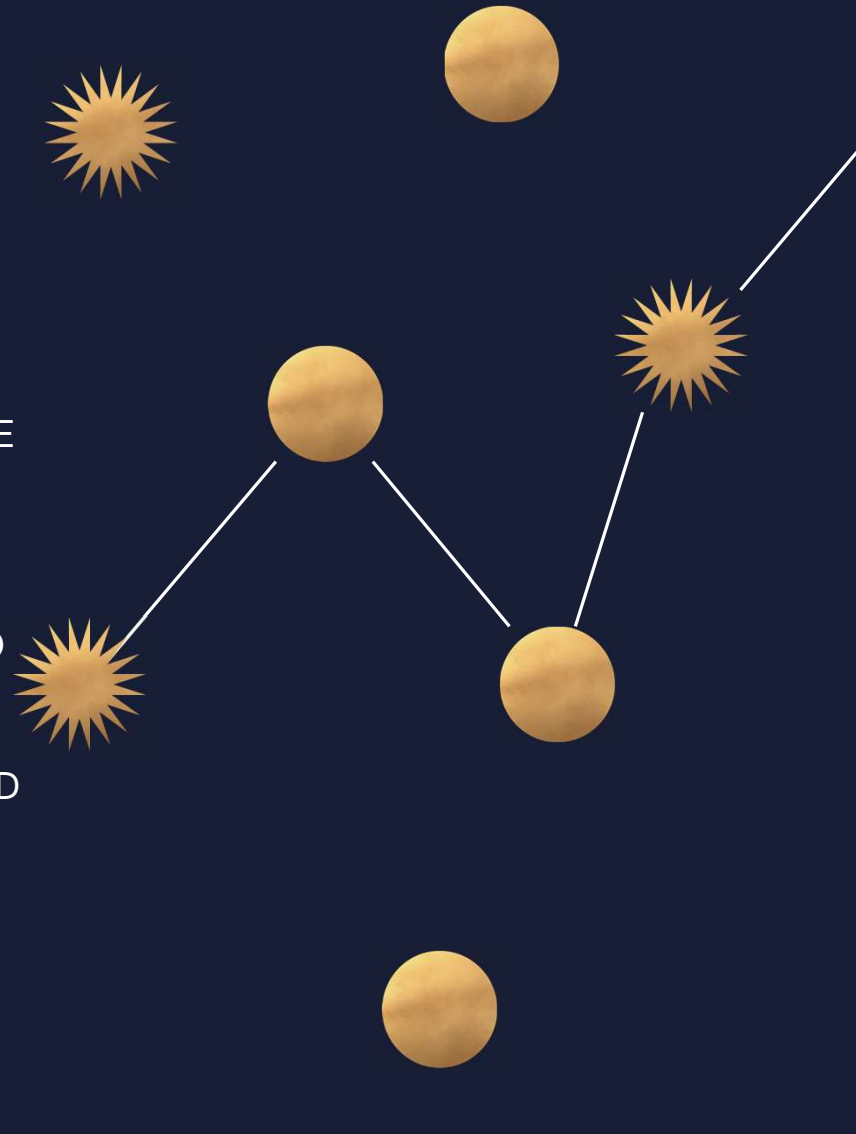
05 The average child in foster care will be in the system for 2 years or more



2023 CASA Outcomes

- OVER 450 CHILDREN SERVED
- OVER 300 CASA ADVOCATES
- ALMOST 900 CHILDREN SERVED IN THE CLUBHOUSE

- THE URGENT PROBLEM?
 - MORE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE COMPARED TO THE STATE AVERAGE
 - HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN WAITING TO BE SERVED BY CASA







The power of
ONE
consistent
adult

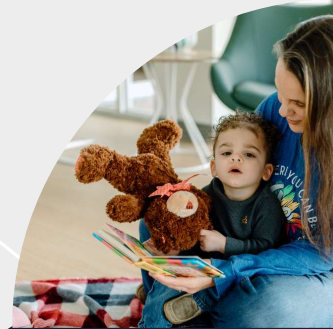
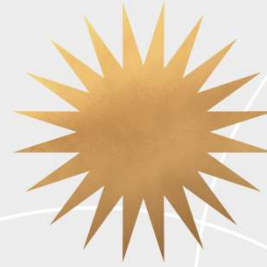
In 2 years...

- **13 sets of parents**
- **6 case workers**
- **8 schools**
- **constant change**
- **1 CASA**



Other Ways to Help

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT CASA



Employer matching gifts or paid volunteer hours



Event Sponsorships and Committees



Tell Your Friends, Family and Connections and bring them in for a tour



Thank you for helping change a child's story.



CASA

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FOR CHILDREN

