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Today's Presentation

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Our Mission

CASA of Los Angeles mobilizes community volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse and neglect.



The Need in LA County

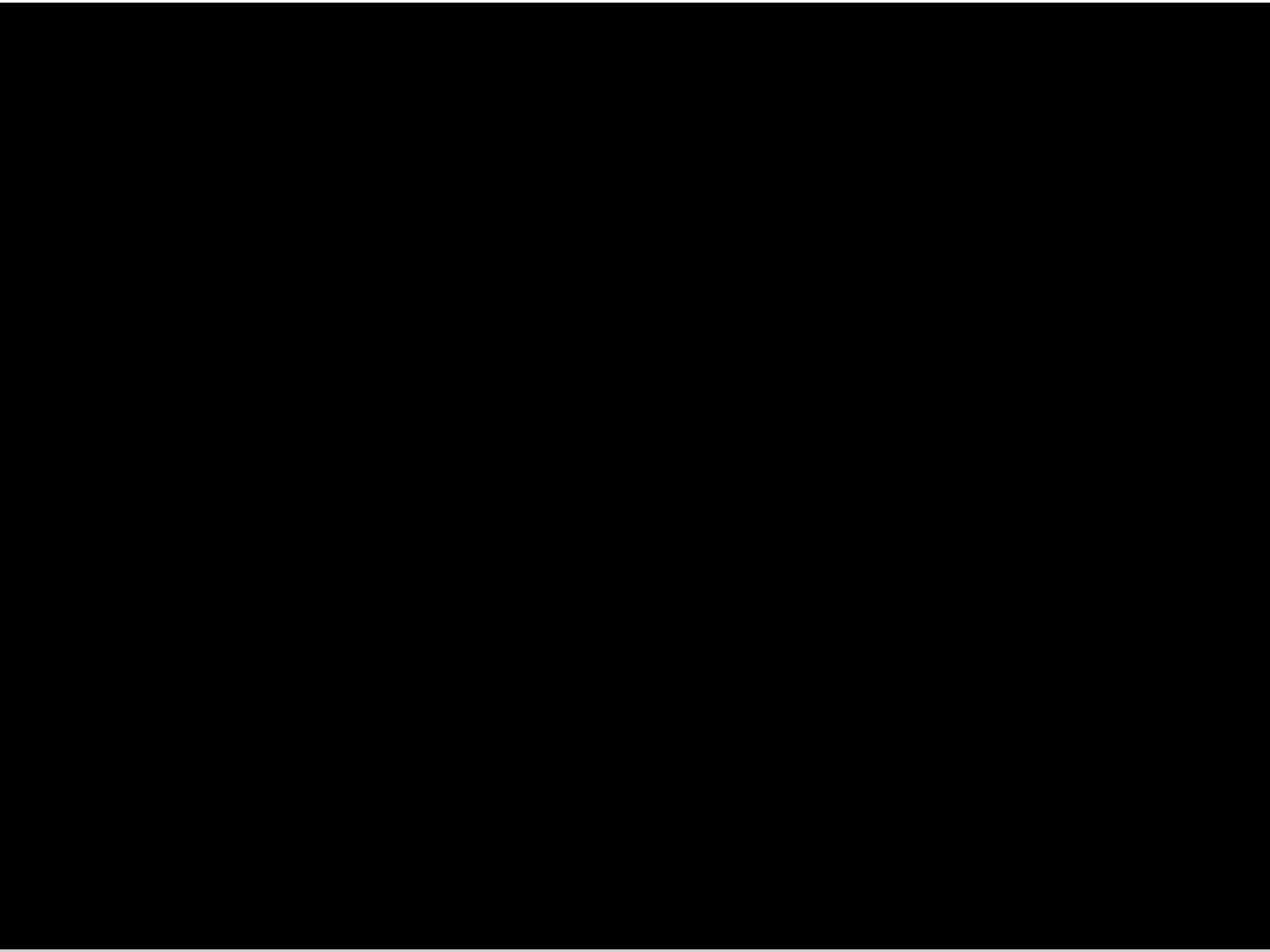
30,000 Children in the Dependency System



1 Judge : ~500 cases

1 Lawyer : ~250 cases

1 Social Worker : ~24 cases



What is a CASA?



A **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** volunteer provides intensive advocacy for children, through a unique one-on-one relationship between a trained and supported adult and a child who has experienced abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

Our CASA Children



Each Child is an Adventure into a Better Life,
an Opportunity to Change
the Old Pattern and Make it New.



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates

CASA Role



Investigate: Gather information from all parties involved



Report: Compile information gathered into court report



Recommend: Make recommendations based on the information gathered and observations made



Advocate: Be the voice for the child, making sure needs are being met



Support: Offer support and encouragement to create opportunities for the child

Judge

Therapist

Social
Worker

Family
Members



Attorney

Teacher

Counselor

Doctor



Volunteer Requirements

- Age: 21 years and older
- Length: Commit to 2 years of volunteering
- Time: Dedicate 15-20 hours/month to CASA activities
- Skills: Access to and comfort with a computer
- Travel: Willing to travel wherever your child is placed in LA County



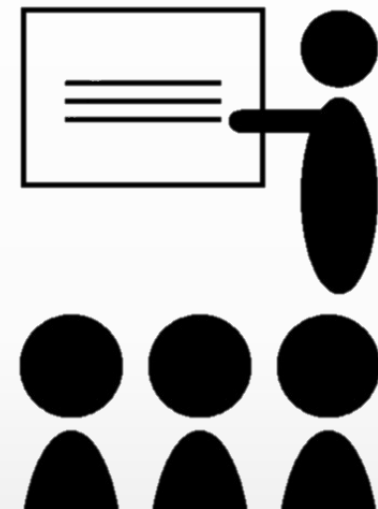
Application Process



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Interview →

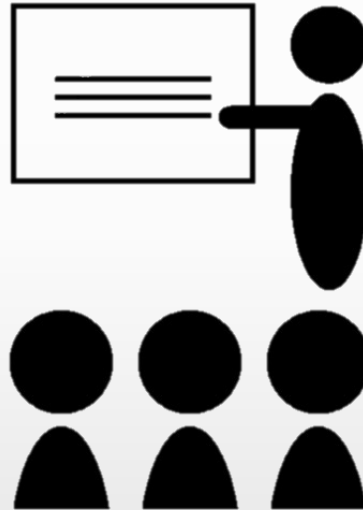


Train →

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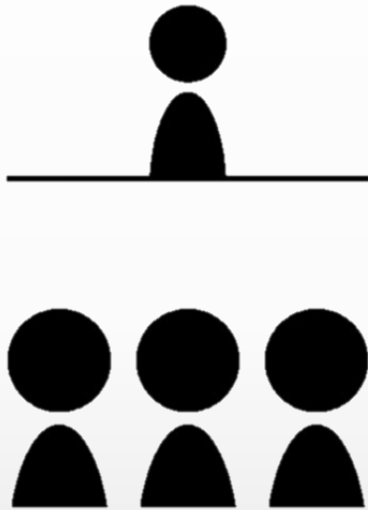
Training Information

Combination of in-person instruction, online work, & court observation



- Topics Include:
- Court System
 - Permanency
 - Other topics relevant to child welfare
 - Cultural Sensitivity

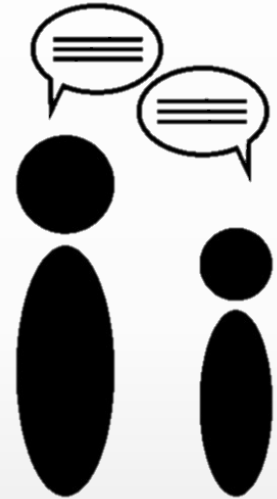
CASA Graduation



Observe Court →



Graduate →



Begin advocacy !!

Our CASA Volunteers

CASA volunteers are everyday people who are committed to making a difference for our community's most vulnerable children



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Thank You!



“Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story”
— *Josh Shipp*