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CASA Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary.

Changing lives, one story at a time.

January 2023 will mark the 10th anniversary of the very first group of CASA volunteers in Saline County taking their oath. Since that pivotal moment, there have been over 100 CASA volunteers that have made the commitment to giving a voice to foster children in our community. During those 10 years, there have been an average of 65 open CASA cases per year, each case being open for approximately 22 months. Currently, there are 44 CASA volunteers working on open cases.

Who is CASA?

Our CASA volunteers are a group of individuals that have at least five hours a month to dedicate to the youth they are assigned. Many are retired members of our community. Cases are assigned one at a time to each CASA to allow them the time and focus to develop relationships with their foster child. They are the eyes and the ears for the court, filing monthly reports based upon their observations and recommendations.

The volunteers that serve the Ottawa and Saline County CASA program are the BEST. Some of which have served our program since the very beginning, 10 years ago. The work could not be done without them.

Many of the volunteers will tell you that they receive much more from their relationship with the youth they are assigned to serve than they give.

Why CASA?

In 2021, 157 children were taken into state custody in Ottawa and Saline County with a Child in Need of Care case filed (CINC). Every day a child spends "in the system" is a day they can never get back. According to statistics collected by the National CASA/GAL Association, a child who is assigned a CASA Volunteer will spend 7.5 less months without a permanent home than children who do not have a CASA.



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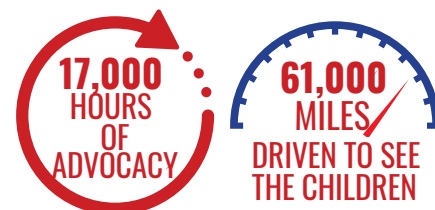
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-CASA Volunteer”

What is CASA?

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. Judges across the country appoint CASA volunteers to youth who are in the foster case system.

Over 10 Years of CASA...



Become a CASA Volunteer and help Change a Child's Story™

JANUARY

Training Info Meetings
01/18 12pm-1pm
01/24 5:30pm-6:30pm

CASA training will include 8-3hour weekly sessions beginning February 7th at 5:30pm.

Meetings and trainings will be held downstairs at CAPS:
155 N. Oakdale Ave., Suite 200
Salina, KS 67401

To learn more, or to sign up, email: angela@capsofsalina.org

What's New at CAPS?



At the October 17th Salina City Commission meeting, Cottonwood fifth grade students, presented, and had approved, a proclamation recognizing October as Bullying Prevention Month.

Pictured: Cottonwood Elementary fifth graders, Vicki Price, CAPS Education Program Director

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Lindsey Rojas, BS
Early Childhood Initiatives
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Brian Cano, BS
Bilingual Victim Advocate
& Family Mentor



Jenni Seitz
Director of Community Engagement

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As CAPS closes 10 years in The Donna L. Vanier Children's Center, we wish to give thanks to those in our community that made our new "home" possible.

Donna Vanier was a pillar of the Salina community, whose lives on through the brightly colored walls, and through the laughter heard on the playground, in the stories of hope told by the children we serve.

A special thanks goes to Marty, Mary and John Vanier for maintaining their mother's standard of excellence at the facility through their generous endowment at the Salina Regional Health Foundation who helped bring the dream to life.



Pictured: Donna Vanier, with her helper, at the groundbreaking ceremony in 2010.

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To learn about volunteer opportunities,
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