



A CASA Story

A couple who serve as CASA volunteers were assigned to a 14 year old boy. He had been labeled “unadoptable” due to his lengthy history of behaviors brought on by the abuse of his father. His aunt once held guardianship, but she could not safely meet his needs.

The boy’s CASA volunteers followed him from placement to placement, sometimes traveling 100 miles to visit him. These volunteers helped locate his family members to give him those connections, including his mother.

He found a happy ending when adopted in August. He is attending high school. He has a part-time job, continues to heal in therapy, and has his driver’s permit. This young man is now planning for a future that seemed out of reach a few short years ago.

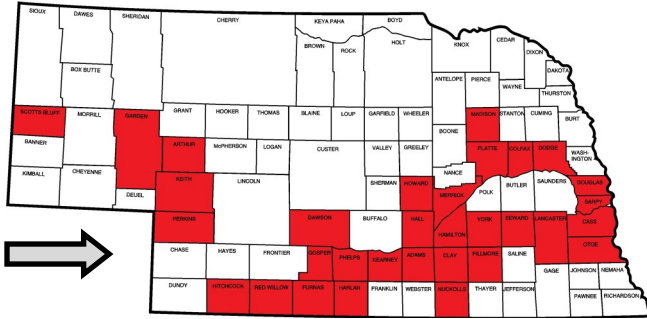
Nebraska CASA in 2022
946 volunteers served
2,070 children with **32,609**
hours of their time &
traveled **78,943** miles.
246 NEW volunteers were
recruited, screened,
trained, and sworn in by a
Judge!



Court Appointed Special Advocates or CASA programs recruit, screen, train and support volunteers. Those volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for foster children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect.

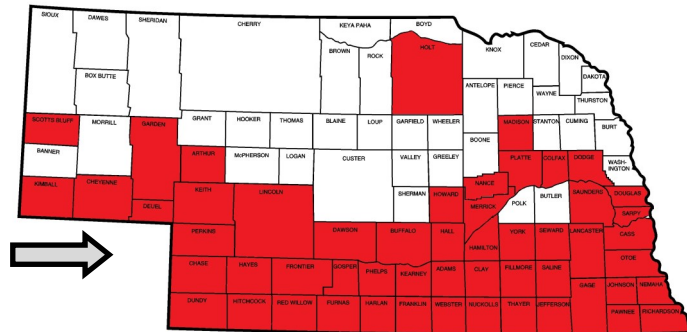
1,158 Children Served by 412 CASA Volunteers in 2010

**CASA
Program
Service
Area in
2010**



2,070 Children Served by 946 CASA Volunteers in 2022

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**CASA programs in Nebraska
now serve 79% more children
with 130% more volunteers
than 12 years ago!**

- ⇒ 21 CASA programs served 53 counties in 2022 and 22 programs will serve 55 counties in 2023!
- ⇒ CASA programs in Nebraska operate in compliance with the Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocate Act (Nebraska Revised Statutes § 43-3701 *et seq.*)
- ⇒ A child with a CASA volunteer is more likely to find a safe, permanent home and have a consistent and responsible adult presence.
- ⇒ A child with a CASA volunteer is more likely to do better in school and spend less time in foster care.
- ⇒ More than 1,300 children in Nebraska are in the Foster Care system without a CASA volunteer.

- Local CASA Programs**
- CASA Connection**
Platte, Nance, & Colfax Counties
 - CASA for Douglas County**
 - CASA for Lancaster County**
 - CASA for York County**
 - CASA of Gage County**
 - CASA of the Midlands**
Dodge & Saunders Counties
 - CASA of NorthCentral Nebraska**
Holt County
 - CASA of Northeast Nebraska**
Madison County
 - CASA of NorthCentral Nebraska**
Holt County
 - CASA of Scotts Bluff County**
 - CASA of South Central Nebraska**
Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Nuckolls,
Franklin & Webster Counties
 - Cass County CASA**
 - Dawson/Gosper County CASA**
 - Heartland CASA**
Hall, Hamilton, Howard & Merrick
Counties
 - Kearney/Bufalo County CASA**
 - Lincoln County CASA**
 - Phelps/Harlan County CASA**
 - PlainsWest CASA**
Cheyenne, Deuel & Kimball
Counties
 - Prairie Plains CASA**
Red Willow, Furnas, Chase, Hayes,
Dundy, Frontier & Hitchcock
Counties
 - Sarpy County CASA**
 - SENCA CASA**
Otoe, Pawnee, Johnson,
Richardson & Nemaha Counties
 - Southeast Nebraska CASA**
Seward, Jefferson, Saline, &
Thayer Counties