

Change a child's story.

Become a CASA Volunteer.



A CASA Story

Andrew is a child with profound developmental conditions. When Phil began advocating for Andrew, he spent most of the day strapped into a wheelchair.

Although Andrew is unable to verbalize his wishes, his foster parent expressed the need for a safe and enriching play area out of his wheelchair.

Phil applied to Make-a-Wish Foundation and a "freedom play area" was provided to Andrew. It is completely padded, includes soft shapes for Andrew to climb, and an interactive whiteboard/smart TV allowing Andrew to communicate.

Andrew plays without fear of being harmed and his growth and communication is stimulated.

Phil was recognized by Make-a-Wish and featured in the Omaha World Herald for his tireless advocacy.

Nebraska CASA in 2021

945 volunteers served **2,127** children with **45,180** hours of their time & traveled **76,406** miles.

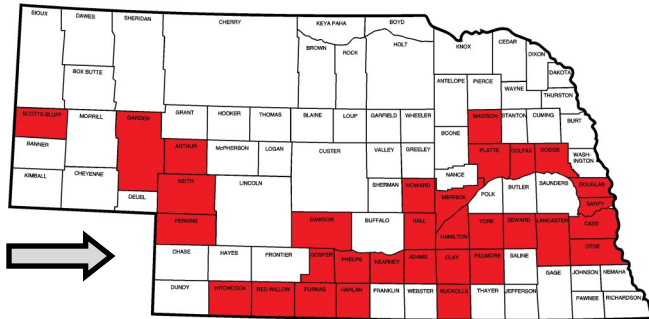
238 NEW volunteers were recruited, screened, trained, and sworn in by a Judge!



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.

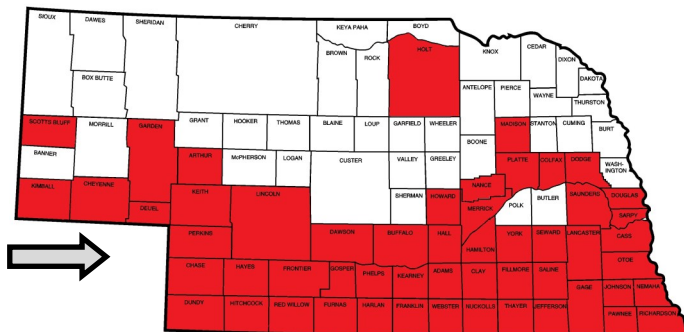
1,158 Children Served by 412 CASA Volunteers in 2010

**CASA
Program
Service
Area in
2010**



2,127 Children Served by 945 CASA Volunteers in 2022

**CASA
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**CASA programs in Nebraska
now serve 84% more children
with 130% more volunteers
than 12 years ago!**

- ⇒ 20 CASA programs served 52 counties in 2020 and will serve 54 counties in 2021!
- ⇒ 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 the Midlands**
Dodge & Saunders Counties
- CASA of NorthCentral Nebraska**
Holt County
- CASA of Northeast Nebraska**
Madison 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 &
Gage Counties
- Trails West CASA**
Keith, Perkins, Arthur & Garden
Counties

