

FAQ



I work full time, have a family and am active in my community. How can I fit this in my schedule?

Answer

We have found busy people get things done, and 62% of our volunteers work full time. The impact on youth having direct contact with a successful, fully employed male is priceless and can have lasting effects. Use drive time to make phone calls for your case and block off a “lunch meeting” on your calendar every week and take yourself to a quiet restaurant to make that lunch your CASA case planning time. It takes discipline and a schedule, but it is doable!

I can't leave work during the day to go to court.

Answer

Visit with your supervisor or team and share with them what you're interested in doing. Explain four days out of the year you would like to take time off to work on your CASA case. Remember, some of your hearings will be virtual. Share with your employer your interest in this volunteer work and see how they respond. Your employer may surprise you with their flexibility!

I am not good with kids. What if I mess this up?

Answer

Your Volunteer Coordinator will be with you every step of the way. Guidance and direction will be provided when you are unsure. Remember, the child/youth will know you are there for them and care about them. Just listen to their story and wishes. Your role is to make recommendations in their best interest and to give them a voice. You can do that!

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Women do this. Guys don't do this kind of thing.

Answer

One out of five of our volunteers are male. Guys are really, really great at this job, and we'd like that number to be one out of two. We can connect you with one of our male volunteers so they can share with you how their strengths and talents allow them to be a strong voice for their CASA kids.

I am worried about being paired with a girl or being seen as potentially deviant for working with kids.

Answer

We get it, you don't want to be perceived as suspicious for hanging out alone with a young girl or boy. There are safeguards in place: such as not allowing volunteers to transport kids and not allowing CASAs to meet with kids behind closed doors. Your Volunteer Coordinator will be with you to help process your case and brainstorm ways to interact with the family for you and the kids to feel safe.

Do I get to choose my own case?

Answer

Your Volunteer Coordinator will present a case and you may accept or decline being assigned. We encourage you to share what type of case you'd feel most confident and equipped to serve. Reviewing a case summary first can help screen out conflicts of interest. You can also choose what age of kids you are most comfortable working with.

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