



From the Desk of Executive Director

Jackie Horton



As we leave 2022 behind, I want to thank our 61 CASA volunteers. Because of them, our program was able to serve 107 children in the court system! Through the year, I hope you have seen the value of a CASA volunteer and why each additional child we serve, we see as an accomplishment.

But the reality is that the CASA programs in South Dakota still did not serve every child in State care. Some children went through foster care and the court system without a CASA volunteer's voice and support, and without a screened, trained adult advocating inside and outside the courtroom.

So how can you help in 2023? Please spread the word that more CASA volunteers are needed in our community and state. Invite CASA to speak at your community meetings. Follow CASA on social media and share our posts, so your friends see our volunteers' work. Attend one of CASA's information sessions and invite a friend to come with you. And, of course, YOU can become a CASA volunteer!

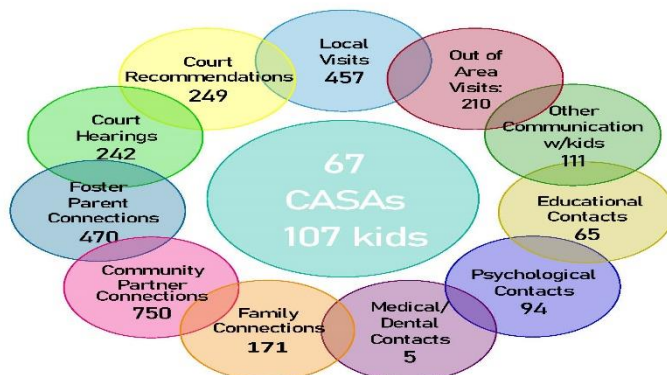
I have always said that I know there are enough caring, giving people in our community to reach the goal of serving 100 percent of the children in care; they have yet to learn about CASA - and that is how you can help.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make 2022 a great year for CASA and our children. I look forward to what this year will bring!

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January 1 – December 31
2022



COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER TRAINING

1/23/2023	How can volunteers support parents or respond to them when they are angry or upset	Noon	Jasmine Morgan
2/21/2023	Court Report Writing & Optima Utilization	Noon	Bonnie Scott
3/21/2023	Understanding the ICPC/home study process	Noon	Alisha Lockhart
4/18/2023	Development Stages of Children and the Emotions they go through being removed from their home.	Noon	Anne Kelly
5/23/2023	Culture Sensitivity Training	Noon	TBA

Become a CASA Volunteer

The Volunteer Training Course is a 5-part series - all 5 classes are required.

Upcoming Advocate Training Courses

February 2 to March 9
Thursdays
Online
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

April 6 to May 11
Thursdays
Online
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Thinking about becoming a CASA Volunteer but don't know if you are ready?

Don't worry; we have you covered in our online training curriculum.

Application is due two weeks before the training.

Pre-training interview at least one week before the start of training.

For more information on training courses,
contact Yaque or Macey at 605-996-1212 or by email
Yaque.delval@mitchellcasa.org or macey.bohl@mitchellcasa.org



Play BINGO, Support CASA

You can support CASA by hosting a Third Party Event – BINGO! Charge \$10 for the bingo card; throughout the game, players can win small donated prizes to make it even more exciting (i.e., coffee card, stationary, homemade treats, or tumbler).

Before the game starts, someone with or in support of CASA tells the players about the organization and shares information about other ways they can contribute or help. So it's not just about the one-time donation but also education about the nonprofit.

Educating our patrons on what CASA does allows good deeds to continue long after the game ends. And who doesn't love a fun neighborhood game of bingo?



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month



According to data from the CDC, nearly 1 in 11 female and approximately 1 in 14 male high school students report having experienced physical dating violence in the past year. These numbers are sure to be even higher for young people in foster care, many of whom have already experienced abuse or neglect by adults in their lives.

Every young person needs and deserves the opportunity to have happy and respectful relationships of all kinds! By looking out for the young people we serve and having critical conversations, CASA volunteers and other caring adults can help prevent teen dating violence and support the development of healthy relationships. Check out these resources to get started!

LovelsRespect.org is the #1 source of information on teen dating violence awareness and prevention for youth and adults alike. It has just about everything you could need to get started, including information on the warning signs of abusive relationships, consent and boundaries, sexual health, how to get help, and so much more.

National Dating Abuse Helpline - If you know of a teen, parent, or caregiver who could benefit from speaking with a caring, well-trained peer advocate, connect them with the National Dating Abuse Helpline, a project of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, at 1-866-331-9474 (TTY: 1-866-331-8453), by texting "loveis" to 77054, or through live chat at [LovelsRespect.org](https://lovelsrespect.org).

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Help CASA Recruit Volunteers

Help us increase the number of CASA volunteers to serve youth in foster care!

Do you have a friend, relative, or colleague who you believe would make a great CASA volunteer? **Refer them to us.** If they sign up for training, you earn a \$5 gift card! After they are trained and assigned to a case, you earn a \$25 gift card! Visit mitchellcasa.org for application details.

Introduce your company, organization, or church to CASA. Invite CASA to talk about volunteering at your next employee lunch & learn organization membership meeting or special event. Display a CASA poster in your company break room or local community bulletin board.

Share your love for CASA on social media. Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. Help us connect with new volunteers and supporters by sharing our posts.

Save the Date for our Ladies Luncheon in partnership with Women of the Moose on Saturday, April 29, and invite your friends to attend with you!

First Circuit CASA's goal is to ensure safety and permanency for children whose lives are in turmoil. Our ultimate goal would be that we are able to advocate on behalf of 100% of the abused and neglected children in our jurisdiction.

Please return this contribution form with a donation to:

CASA, 115 E. 11th Ave., Mitchell, SD 57301

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to donate to First Circuit CASA in the amount of \$_____

I am enclosing my payment in the form of _____ a check (made payable to CASA)

___Contact me; I am interested in volunteering as a CASA Advocate.

___I want information about CASA speaking at my business, service club, or church group.

(Contributions to First Circuit CASA are tax-deductible.)