



# COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

at Crime Victim Services

## Advocating for Children

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Allen and Putnam Counties Program is here to advocate for the best interest of abused, neglected and dependent children. CASA of Allen and Putnam Counties has been in our area, as a program of Crime Victim Services, since 2009 and is a member of the National CASA Association and Ohio CASA.

## Be a Voice for a Child

All children who have been abused and neglected need a CASA volunteer to be a voice for them during the hardest times in their lives. Our volunteers advocate for the children they serve in the court system. They are present to be that child's voice and speak up for what that child wants and what the volunteer believes is in the best interest of that child.

There are still 52% of abused and neglected children in Allen & Putnam Counties that need YOU to be their voice in court.

## Impact That Lasts a Lifetime

The average time commitment to a case assigned in Allen County is 5 to 10 hours per month, and the average case lasts a year and a half.

In Putnam County, the average time commitment to a case is 10 to 20 hours per month, and the average case lasts two to four months.

CASA volunteers are assisted by staff every step of the way.

MORE THAN

**1,200**

KIDS SERVED BY CASA  
OF ALLEN & PUTNAM  
COUNTIES

**35**

HOURS OF TRAINING  
TO BECOME A CASA  
VOLUNTEER

**52%**

OF KIDS IN ALLEN  
COUNTY STILL  
NEED A CASA

## Explore CASA. Become a Volunteer.

Our volunteers go through 35 hours of training. In training, you will learn about the court process, reasons parents have their children taken away and how to provide best-interest advocacy for the children you will be serving.

We offer training opportunities throughout the year. Reach out to us to find out when the next Volunteer Information Session will be held and learn how one volunteer can ensure a bright future for a child in Allen and Putnam Counties.

## How You Can Help

There are many ways you can help advocate for kids who have been abused and neglected.

- Sign up to become a CASA Volunteer
- Follow us on social media @casaoflima
- Share the CASA opportunity with a friend
- Donate to the CASA program
- Sponsor our annual Superhero 5K walk/run

Apply today to become a CASA volunteer.

[crimevictimservices.org/casa](https://crimevictimservices.org/casa)  
[casa@crimevictimservices.org](mailto:casa@crimevictimservices.org)



## Volunteer Testimonials

"If you care about children and are looking for a way to give back and support your community, I can think of no better way to exercise your love and care than by becoming a CASA volunteer. The difference you make in the life of a child is everlasting. Reach out and help a child today!"

Tim White  
Allen County CASA Volunteer

"I am a CASA because it is one small way I can make a difference in a child's life. So many children experience devastating trauma or neglect, but if I can help even one to be safe and cared for, that will bring a glimmer of hope to their world.

Valeri Brokaw  
Allen County CASA Volunteer

