



2025



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA OF THE SOUTH PLAINS, INC.

Annual Report



CASA's Mission

CASA of the South Plains inspires, educates, and empowers solution-minded community members who are committed to supporting the best interest of children in the foster care system. Volunteer advocates create connections and promote nurturing relationships for the child and family, encouraging hope and healing. Through court appointment and collaborative efforts, volunteer advocates share informed recommendations for the well-being of the child.

CASA's Vision

CASA of the South Plains' vision is to provide every child in foster care with a CASA volunteer to advocate for their long-term well-being and best interest.

CASA's Values

CASA of the South Plains exemplifies a volunteer-centered culture that promotes positive change in the lives of children in foster care and their families. We commit to honor all those we serve with passion for our mission, overcome barriers through professionalism and integrity, practice gratitude and respect, and encourage honesty and humility.

OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Jaclyn Morris,
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends of CASA,

Sometimes, the greatest gift a child receives is not something wrapped in a box. It is YOU. Someone who shows up. Someone who listens. Someone who stays. Someone who reminds a child that they matter. For children experiencing foster care, that gift can be life changing.

At CASA of the South Plains, we see the impact of that gift every day. Through the dedication of our volunteers, supporters, staff, and community partners, children who have experienced abuse and neglect are given a voice, an advocate, and hope for a brighter future.

This mission is deeply personal to me. As a foster and adoptive parent, I have experienced firsthand the impact a CASA Volunteer can have on a child and a family. Some of the children who became part of our family were fortunate enough to have a CASA Volunteer advocating for them. Looking back, it remains one of the greatest gifts we were ever given, someone standing in the gap during uncertain seasons, offering support, guidance, and hope. That is the power of CASA.

Last year, 222 trained CASA Volunteers served 374 children across the South Plains. Because of their advocacy, 120 children achieved safe, permanent homes. Behind every number is a child whose voice was heard and whose best interests remained the priority. CASA volunteers do far more than attend court hearings. They build trusting relationships, advocate for educational success and healthcare needs, and show up consistently when children need them most. Through their efforts, 86% of children served by CASA advanced to the next grade level.

Becoming a CASA Volunteer is more than volunteering. It is giving a child something they will carry with them for the rest of their life: the knowledge that they are worth showing up for. Because of your support, 55% of children in foster care across the South Plains had a CASA Volunteer by their side in 2025. While that is worth celebrating, over 300 children in our community still faced foster care without a CASA Volunteer.

That reality drives us forward. Together, we will continue growing our volunteer base, strengthening community partnerships, and working toward a future where every child who needs a CASA Volunteer has one. Thank you for believing in this mission and for investing your time, resources, and heart into the lives of children who need us most. Together, we are ensuring more children are seen, heard, and supported.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jaclyn Morris".

Jaclyn Morris

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is of, and for, the communities we serve.

2025 Volunteer ADVOCATES

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374 Children in Foster Care served by
222 CASA Volunteer Advocates



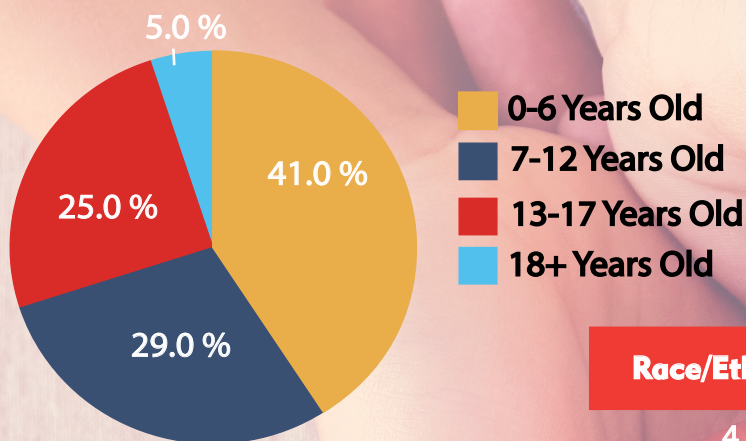
Number of Donated
Volunteer Hours

TOTAL: 5,853

Tax payer savings of
county paid attorneys' fees

TOTAL: \$321,894

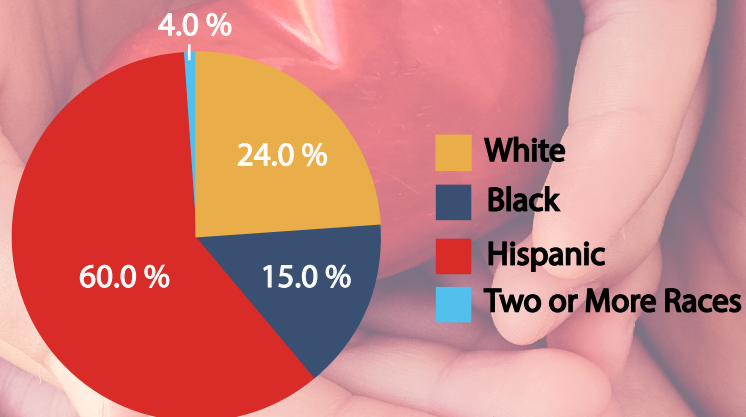
Age of Children Served by CASA



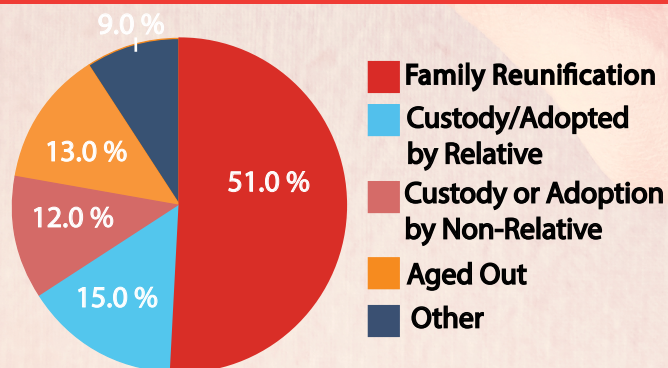
**Male Children
Advocated For: 190**

**Female Children
Advocated For: 184**

Race/Ethnicity of Children Served by CASA



Number of Children Who Achieved Permanency



**137 Children
Achieved
Permanency**



Revenue & Community Support

Foundation Grants: \$313,377
 Government Grants: \$779,854
 Individual Donations: \$301,800
 United Way Allocation & Donor Designations: \$154,346
 In-Kind Donations: \$201,189
 CASA Special Events: \$502,073
 Interest/Other: \$43,677
TOTAL = \$2,296,316



Expenses

Program Services: \$1,741,121
 Fundraising: \$213,664
 Administrative: \$149,662
TOTAL = \$2,104,447

CFE is a team-based approach between Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Child Protective Services (CPS), and Community-Based Care (CBC) providers to identify, locate, and engage with family members and fictive kin in the creation and development of a lifetime network for young people in the foster care system, and their parents or caregivers.

**2,317****PARENT CONTACTS****140****CFE TOOLS COMPLETED****286****FAMILY MEETINGS HELD****105****FAMILY CHILD CONNECTIONS**



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