



2024



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.



Jaclyn Morris,
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends of CASA,

As I reflect on our mission and the goals we pursued over the past year, I continue to be inspired by the strength, compassion, and commitment of the CASA community.

Every day, CASA of the South Plains works tirelessly to create a safe and hopeful future for children in foster care. Every event we host, every grant we write, and every connection we build supports our core mission: to ensure every child in foster care has a dedicated Advocate by their side, someone to amplify their voice and fight for their best interests in court, in school, and in life.

Last year, 219 trained CASA Volunteers served 375 children in foster care across the South Plains. Thanks to their advocacy, 88 of these children were placed in safe, permanent homes. These numbers only scratch the surface of the true impact our volunteers make. Behind each statistic is a story of unwavering dedication and love.

CASA Volunteers do more than attend court hearings. They build lasting, trusting relationships with the children they serve. They advocate in classrooms to make sure educational needs aren't forgotten. Because of their efforts, 85% of the children with a CASA advanced to the next grade level. They ensure medications are properly reviewed and push the system to do better at every turn. They show up when they're needed most, and often when no one else does.

These volunteers are building a legacy of love, one child, one case, one life at a time.

Because of your support, through your time, your donations, and your in-kind gifts, 52% of children in foster care in the South Plains had a CASA Volunteer in 2024. That is a number worth celebrating.

And yet, our work is far from over. Roughly 400 children in our community went without an Advocate last year. That reality continues to drive us. In the year ahead, we are committed to raising awareness, deepening community partnerships, and growing our program to close this gap and reach every child in need.

This work is not possible without you. Your belief in our mission makes it possible for CASA to empower more volunteers, serve more children, and advocate fiercely for their futures.

Thank you for being part of this movement, and for standing up for the children who need us most. Together, we are building something powerful: a community where every child has a voice, and every voice is heard.

With gratitude,

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

Jaclyn Morris

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CASA of the South Plains
is of, and for, the communities we serve.

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 Peggy Williams
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375 Children in Foster Care served by
219 CASA Volunteer Advocates.



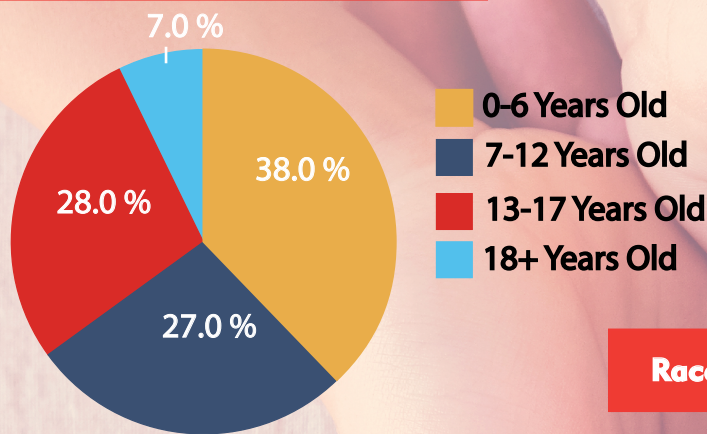
Number of Donated
 Volunteer Hours

TOTAL: 7,246

Tax payer savings of
 county paid attorneys' fees

TOTAL: \$398,530

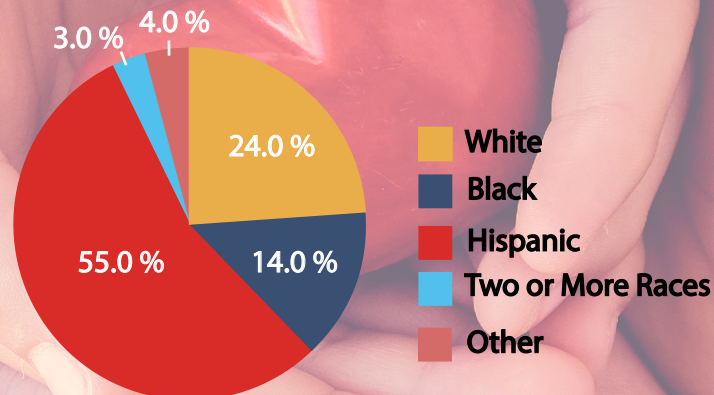
Age of Children Served by CASA



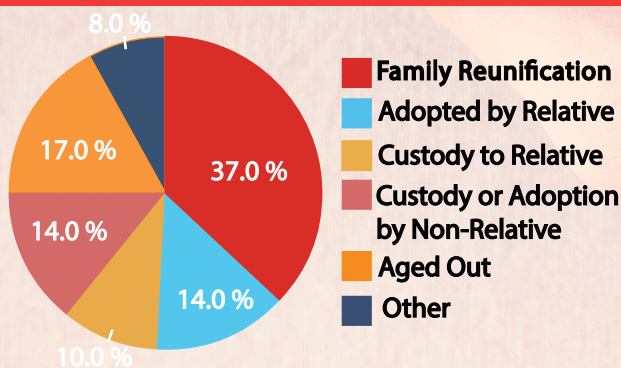
**Male Children
Advocated For: 191**

**Female Children
Advocated For: 184**

Race/Ethnicity of Children Served by CASA



Number of Children Who Achieved Permanency

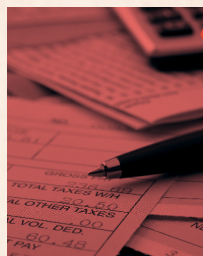


**88 Children
Achieved
Permanency**



Revenue & Community Support

Total Grant Support: \$883,614
 Total Donations Including United Way: \$445,094
 In-Kind Donations: \$251,070
 CASA Special Events: \$581,522
 Interest/Other: \$8,948
TOTAL = \$2,170,248



Expenses

Program Services: \$1,818,914
 Fundraising: \$167,842
 Administrative: \$184,787
TOTAL = \$2,171,543

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.

**2,472****PARENT CONTACTS****197****CFE TOOLS COMPLETED****122****FAMILY MEETINGS HELD****195****FAMILY CHILD CONNECTIONS**



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