



CHANGE A
CHILD'S STORY.™



A CASA Story

Josh was 3 years old when he was abandoned by his mother and placed in a foster home. Josh had scars on his body and was developmentally delayed.

The judge knew that a CASA would be able to provide individual advocacy to Josh to ensure his urgent needs were met receiving the time and attention he needed to heal physically and emotionally.

Josh's history of abuse had caused serious damage to his emotional health. When he became frustrated, Josh would act violently. This challenging behavior proved difficult for foster parents, so within seven months Josh was moved three times.

Josh's CASA saw that these changes aggravated Josh's emotional trauma. She worked to prevent additional moves. She advocated for intensive therapy, special education, and training for the foster parents to stabilize Josh in their home and in school.

For the CASA, these improvements were not enough. Believing that Josh needed a forever home, she continued to make inquiries about a permanent adoptive home. When a young couple became interested in adopting Josh, his CASA spoke to them weekly, keeping them up to date on Josh's progress.

When Josh was set to meet his adoptive parents for the first time, his CASA was with him. She helped him throughout the transition to a new home and continued to see him weekly until the adoption was finalized.

CASA in 2024

788 volunteers served
1,936 children with **31,019**
hours of their time and
traveled **235,020** miles.

6,098 child visits were
conducted by court
appointed volunteers!



Court Appointed Special Advocates or CASA programs recruit, screen, train and support volunteers. Those volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for foster children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect.

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TOTAL BENEFIT

\$18,122

TOTAL COST

\$3,018



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

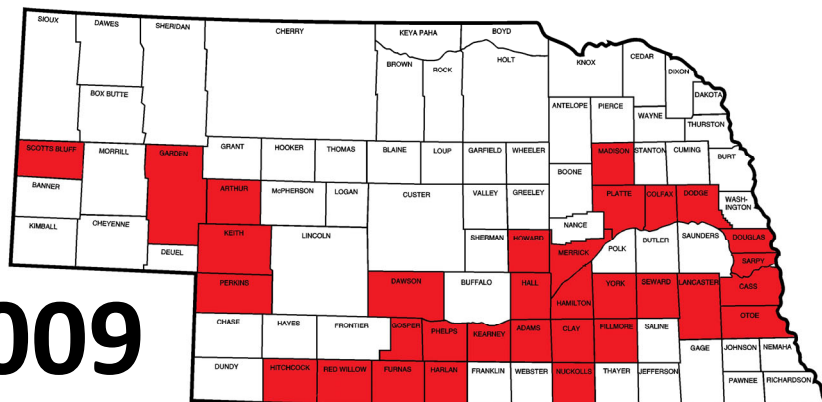
For **every \$1** invested in Nebraska CASA, **\$6** are returned to the state of Nebraska.

22 CASA programs served 55 counties in 2024!

A child with a CASA volunteer is more likely to find a safe, permanent home with a consistent and responsible adult presence.

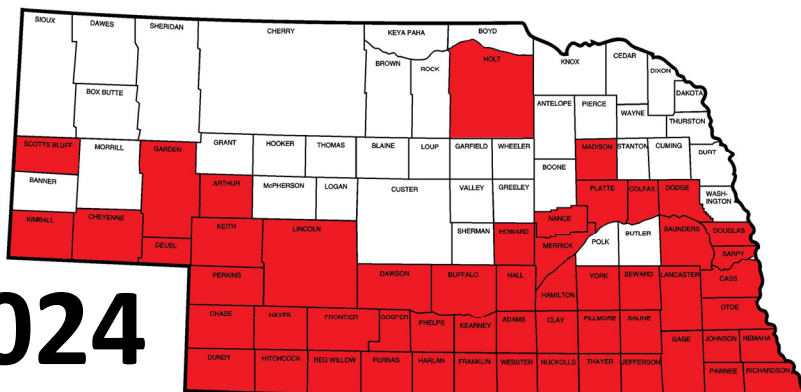
A child with a CASA volunteer is more likely to do better in school and spend less time in foster care.

More than 1,300 children in Nebraska are in the Foster Care system without a CASA volunteer.



2009

1,187 Children Served by 443 CASA Volunteers



2024

1,866 Children Served by 788 CASA Volunteers