

PHELPS/HARLAN COUNTY CASA

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Happening This Month:

A NOTE FROM CASA

February is a month that reminds us of the importance of care, compassion, and connection. At CASA, those values are at the heart of everything we do. Our volunteers continue to show up for children in our community who need a consistent, caring adult in their lives, and we are so grateful for each of you who support this mission.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

This month, CASA met with Central Community College to begin building a connection through the Criminal Justice Director to help create volunteer opportunities for students interested in advocacy and service. We are excited about this partnership and the future volunteers it may bring to CASA.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING BEGINS MARCH 3RD

We are excited to welcome new volunteers to CASA!

Training Details:

- 8 sessions | Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Flex training: Zoom or In-Person options
- Swearing-In: March 23

If you know someone who has a heart for children and advocacy, now is the perfect time to send them our way.

We Need Volunteers!

With 19 children on the waitlist, there has never been a more important time to get involved. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact us to learn more.

Upcoming

- February 16 – CASA Office Closed (President's Day)
- March 3rd – Volunteer Training Begins
- March 23 – Swearing-In Ceremony

CASA FUN FACT

CASA was founded by a Judge: The movement began in 1977 when Seattle Superior Court Judge David Soukup felt he lacked sufficient information to make life-changing decisions for abused/neglected children.



OUR VOLUNTEER IN-SERVICE

CASA Volunteer In-Service Recap

It may have been a small group, but it was a mighty one!
We had a great evening connecting, learning, and diving into our “Court Writing Made Easy-ish” webinar together. Thank you to the volunteers who joined us and continue to grow their skills to better advocate for the children we serve.

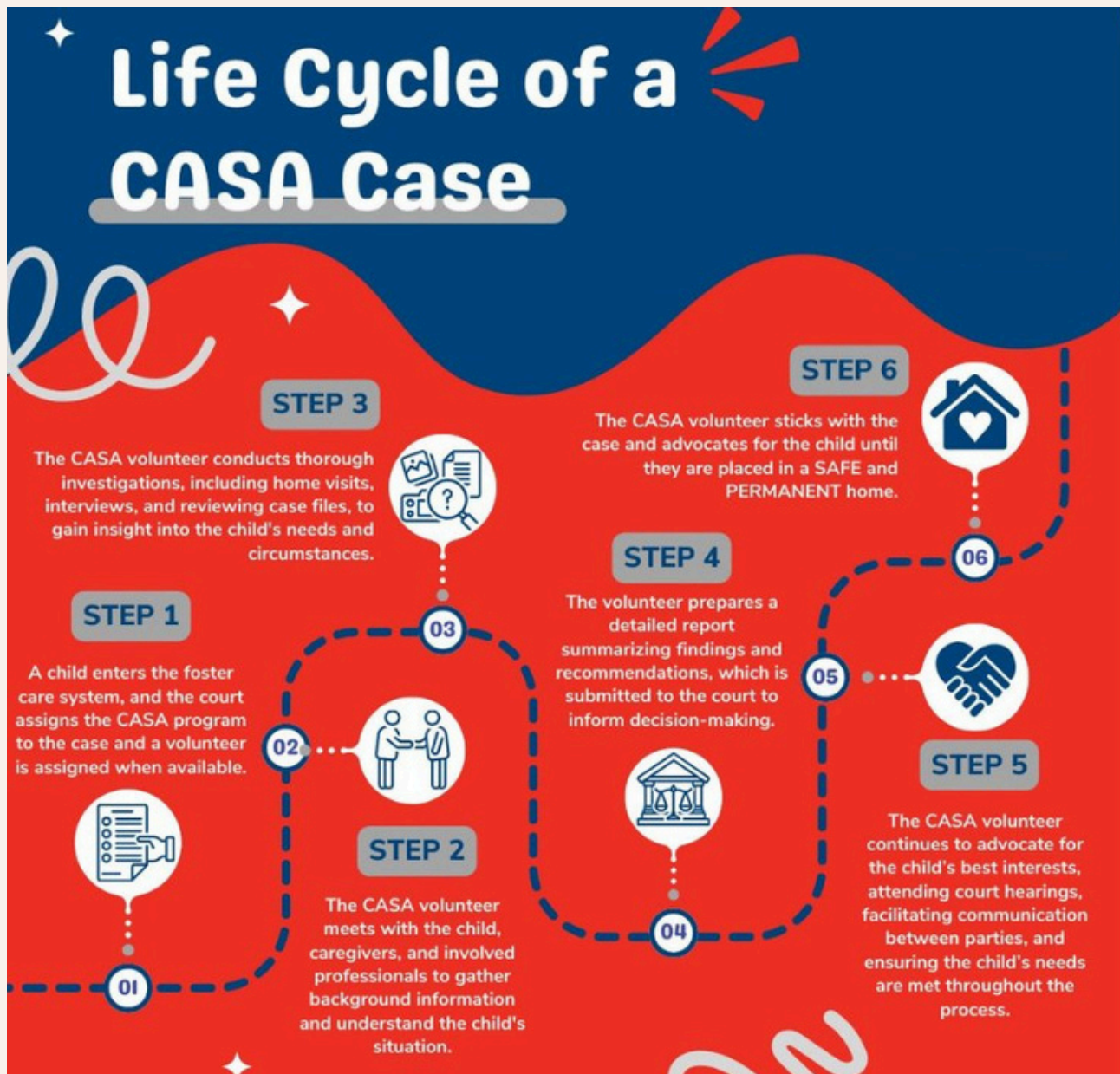
We love opportunities to come together, learn from one another, and strengthen our CASA community.



THE LIFE CYCLE OF A CASA CASE

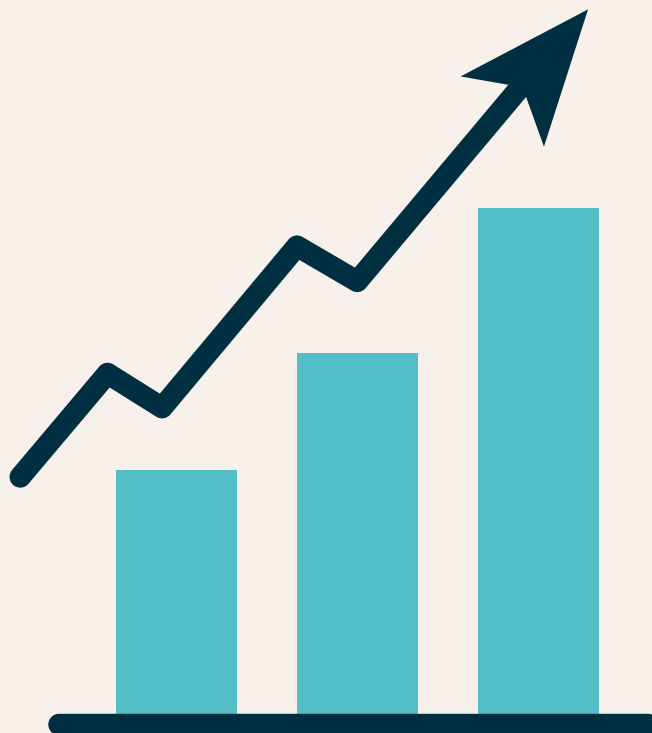
Every CASA case follows a journey:

- A child enters foster care and is assigned a CASA volunteer
- The volunteer gets to know the child and gathers important information
- The CASA advocates in court for the child's best interests
- Ongoing support and updates as the case progresses
- The case closes when the child reaches a safe, permanent home



CASA BY THE NUMBERS

- CHILDREN CURRENTLY ON THE WAITLIST: 19
- ACTIVE CASA VOLUNTEERS: [7]
- ON LEAVE CASA VOLUNTEERS:[2]
- CHILDREN CURRENTLY BEING SERVED: [36]
- 27 CHILDREN IN PHELPS AND 9 CHILDREN IN HARLAN
- NEW VOLUNTEERS SIGNED UP FOR TRAINING: [1]



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