



This shouldn't be the only thing
a foster child takes to court.



**IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE
A FOSTER CHILD ALONE IN COURT.**

Just like Zahara on the cover, thousands of foster children go to court without parents, without guardians, without hope...some-times with only a teddy bear.

**IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ALONE, ALMOST 30,000 KIDS
ARE IN FOSTER CARE.**

Many of these children lack the love, care and attention that most of us take for granted as we grow up. As a result, a staggering number of children leave the system for a life of crime, homelessness and welfare.



CASA VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

Children like Zahara benefit from CASA volunteers every day. CASAs are appointed to a foster child's case by a judge who makes crucial decisions about the child's life, such as living arrangements, school, or health care. The CASA volunteer monitors the child's situation, working with caregivers, parents, teachers and others involved in the child's life. Judges rely greatly on the recommendations of CASAs. A child with a CASA advocating on his or her behalf receives more assistance and support than those without this help.

**LAST YEAR, CASAs DEDICATED MORE
THAN 120,000 HOURS TO FOSTER
CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

**CASA – A POWERFUL VOICE
FOR FOSTER CHILDREN**

You can help a child like Zahara today. Just call (323) 526-6666 and say, "I'm interested in CASA. How can I help?" Or visit www.casala.org for more information.





You Can Help!

There are some very important ways that you can help foster children in your own community.

- Be a CASA volunteer. As a Court Appointed Special Advocate, or CASA, you can help a foster child in court and in the community, providing a voice and a helping hand.
- Join the CASA Circle of Friends volunteers and support our fundraising efforts.
- Donate generously to help CASA of Los Angeles help more kids.



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Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

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