

REQUEST FOR COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA)

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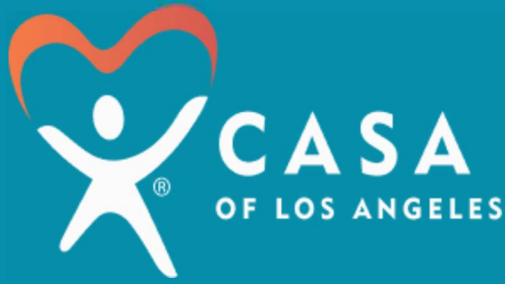
REQUIRED	Dependency Case Number:	Department:	Next Hearing Date:												
	In the Matter of:	Date of Birth:													
	Is the minor or non-minor dependent currently placed within Los Angeles County? ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>**Please note that CASA <u>only</u> accepts referrals for minors and NMDs placed in Los Angeles County for General Advocacy.</i> <i>**Referrals for NMDs also require a completed Non-Minor Dependent Consent Form.</i>														
	Referral Submitted By: ☐ CLC ☐ DCFS ☐ LADL ☐ CASA Staff ☐ Relative/NREFM/Caregiver ☐ Youth/Self ☐ Other														
	Referent Name (please <u>print</u>) _____ Phone Number / Email Address (preferred) _____ Agency/Organization (if applicable) _____ <i>Please contact the CASA office at (323) 859-2888 or referrals@casala.org with questions regarding referrals.</i>														
Race/Ethnicity: ☐ African-American ☐ Asian ☐ Caucasian/Non-Latino ☐ Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Multi-Racial ☐ Native American ☐ Other ☐ Unknown															
Gender Identity: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Trans Boy/Man ☐ Trans Girl/Woman ☐ Non-binary ☐ Unknown/Youth has not shared ☐ _____			Preferred Pronouns: _____												
Case Parties: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 30%;">Name of Minor or NMD's Attorney</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 20%;">CLC Firm #</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 20%;">Phone Number</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 30%;">Email</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Name of Minor or NMD's Social Worker</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Phone Number</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Email</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Name of Youth's Defense Attorney (if applicable)</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Phone Number</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Email</td> </tr> </table>				Name of Minor or NMD's Attorney	CLC Firm #	Phone Number	Email	Name of Minor or NMD's Social Worker		Phone Number	Email	Name of Youth's Defense Attorney (if applicable)		Phone Number	Email
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CASA REQUEST INFORMATION (For descriptions of our advocacy and programs, please see Page 2)															
Bilingual CASA requested: (e.g. the child/youth, caregiver or biological parent(s) primary language is not English): ☐ No ☐ Yes (language needed): _____															
SPECIALIZED POPULATIONS (please check all that apply)		REASON(S) FOR REFERRAL (please check all that apply)													
☐ Early Childhood (ages 0-5) ☐ Transitional Age Youth (TAY) (ages 12-17) ☐ Non-Minor Dependent (NMD) ☐ Youth Justice (or Dual Status Youth) ☐ Expectant & Parenting Youth (EPY) ☐ CSEC identified ☐ LGBTQIA+ related support		☐ Support family reunification ☐ Permanency planning and/or long-term connections ☐ Guardian Ad Litem ☐ Immigration needs ☐ Physical health needs ☐ Mental health needs ☐ Education needs ☐ Developmental needs ☐ Educational rights holder needed ☐ Developmental services decision maker needed													
Please describe the child, youth or NMD's needs: 															

The Court hereby refers this Request for Court Appointed Special Advocate to the CASA of Los Angeles Program.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF JUDICIAL OFFICER (required)

Once this Request for CASA has been reviewed, an Update on Request for CASA Form will be submitted to Court. CASA of Los Angeles promotes equal opportunity for all referrals. In doing so, we comply with local, state and federal laws and regulations to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone. We do not discriminate in opportunities or practices on the basis of race, ancestry, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, citizenship, military service obligation, veteran status or any other basis protected by federal, state or local laws. Our policies and practices are intended to ensure that all are treated equally and our decisions are made to further the principle of equal opportunities.



ADVOCACY & SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

GENERAL ADVOCACY

Serves: Children/youth/NMDs from birth to age 21 with an open dependency case and placed in LA County.

General Advocacy refers to our CASA advocacy program designed to advocate for the needs and best interests of our systems impacted children, youth and their families. Within this umbrella program, we offer specialized programming and supports to meet the unique needs of the specific populations of young people.

EARLY CHILDHOOD (EC)

Serves: Children from birth to age 5 with an open dependency case in LA County.

CASAs collaborate with parents/caregivers, professionals and service providers to ensure the young child's development, physical and mental health, and safety needs are met. CASAs can also serve as educational rights holders and developmental decision makers for children ages 0-5, including children that need Regional Center services.

EXPECTANT AND PARENTING YOUTH

Serves: EPY with an open dependency case in LA County.

CASAs provide direct support to EPY to ensure timely access to resources and a supportive team as they prepare for the future. CASAs collaborate with EPY to enhance key protective factors such as connection to natural and concrete resources, education of child development, and linkages to trauma informed providers and supports to strengthen the parent-child relationship.

YOUTH JUSTICE

Serves: Youth who are dually impacted by the child welfare and justice systems in LA County.

CASAs support youth in navigating the multi-system involvement while ensuring that the emotional, social, educational and developmental needs of the youth are met. CASAs on dual-status cases communicate and collaborate with court partners on both sides of court, including public defenders, probation officers, and attending 241.1 MDT meetings.

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

Serves: Transitional age youth (12-17) and NMDs (18-21) with an open dependency case.

The PEI program supports individuals who are at risk of becoming unhoused or entering/re-entering the child welfare or justice system. Our PEI Resource Navigators support youth by connecting them to resources for housing, employment, education, physical health and other independent living supports needed to successfully transition to adulthood.