

CASA OF
LOS ANGELES

2025
IMPACT
REPORT



DEAR FRIENDS,

Fiscal Year 2025 was a year that not only tested CASA of Los Angeles, but it was also a year that reaffirmed who we are.

Together with our staff, CASA volunteers, board members and supporters, CASA/LA continued to show up for children and youth navigating Los Angeles County's child welfare and juvenile justice systems during a time of significant uncertainty. Like many of our partner organizations, this year brought challenges, including the real risk of losing federal funding and future public support. Overcoming challenges, CASA/LA continued to center its work on ensuring children in foster care have access to healthcare, educational opportunity, and the safety and stability every child deserves.

As civil rights attorney Bryan Stevenson reminds us, "There is no path to justice that does not require community." Throughout FY25, that collective commitment showed up in the one-to-one advocacy provided by CASA volunteers across LA County. Our incredible volunteers stood alongside children and youth in courtrooms, classrooms, and healthcare settings, helping them access education, supportive placements, family connections and reunification, and vital services that promote safety and well-being.

In FY25, CASA/LA closed advocacy cases for 258 children, ensuring that each young person benefited from consistent support and the resources they needed to thrive. Across all programs:

- **266 children and youth had a CASA supporting them with educational rights**
- **130 children moved to a more appropriate home**
- **76 young people were connected to programs supporting their mental health and wellbeing**
- **63 children and youth had increased connection with a family member**
- **30 young people graduated high school**



This year CASA/LA continued to deepen our partnerships with community organizations, recognizing that systems impacting children and families need to be supported holistically. Meaningful progress requires collaboration, shared responsibility, and a willingness to work together, especially during difficult moments.

As a Board, we are deeply grateful for the resilience and dedication of CASA/LA's staff and volunteers during a period of transition. Their deep love for the children and youth we serve ensured continuity of advocacy and support, even as the organization navigates change. Their work reminds us that CASA/LA is sustained by people who lead with integrity, compassion, and purpose.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to advancing equity for children and families through our one-to-one advocacy. CASA/LA's commitment to our mission continues to guide every decision to ensure that children and youth remain central to our efforts. With the continued support of our community, we remain grounded in our values and focused on the children at the heart of our work.

Thank you for standing with CASA of Los Angeles during this pivotal year.

With gratitude,

Alayne

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Alayne Marie Sampson
Chair, Board of Directors

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

9,741

Hours of advocacy

6,493

Meetings with case parties

5,047

Child visits

920

Children and youth served across all programs

760

Total CASA volunteers

415

Volunteer applications received

OUR MISSION

CASA of Los Angeles organizes the community to take action and advocate for children and families in LA County's overburdened child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Our vision is a Los Angeles in which all children and families impacted by the child welfare and juvenile justice systems have equitable access to the resources and support they need to thrive.

Just Showing Up Is Extraordinary is a symbol of the extraordinary impact that can be achieved through the simple act of being there when it matters most. Through our community of CASA volunteers and collective commitment to continue to show up for children and families impacted by LA County's child welfare and juvenile justice systems, CASA of Los Angeles works one-to-one with children and youth in court and in the community, helping them navigate the child welfare system and ensuring they have access to healthcare,

educational opportunity, and the safety and stability every child deserves.

Our core advocacy program pairs children and youth with a trained Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer (CASA) to advocate for their needs. CASA volunteers provide equitable access to resources, strength-based advocacy, and life-affirming connections. CASAs get to know the child or youth and their circumstances, work collaboratively with case parties, and help to support their young people in key areas of their life.

A CHILD IN FOSTER CARE WITH THE SUPPORT OF A CASA IS MORE LIKELY TO:


Achieve a permanent home


Receive vital services in a timely manner


Be on track to graduate from high school

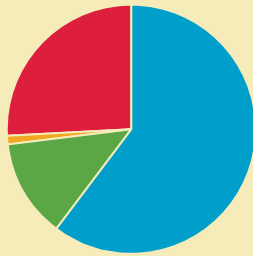

Not re-enter the child welfare system


Report higher levels of hope


Have long-term connections to loved ones

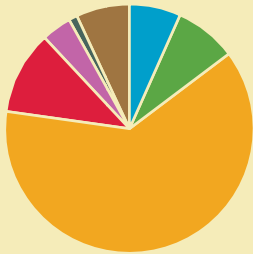
CASA VOLUNTEERS

760 Total CASA volunteers



GENDER

Female	61%
Male	13%
Non-Binary	<1%
Other	26%



RACE/ETHNICITY

African-American/Black	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	8%
Caucasian (Non-Latino)	63%
Latino/Hispanic	11%
Multi-Racial	4%
Native American	<1%
Other	7%

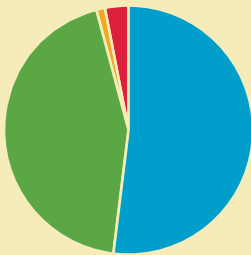


AGE RANGE

21 – 35	23%
36 – 45	22%
46 – 54	15%
55 – 65	20%
66+	20%

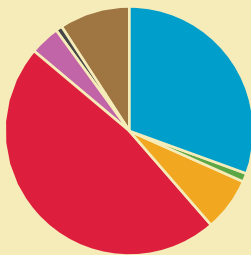
CHILDREN DEMOGRAPHICS

920 Children Served



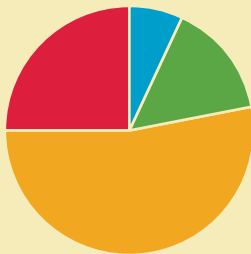
GENDER

● Female	52%
● Male	44%
● Non-Binary	<1%
● Other	3%



RACE/ETHNICITY

● African-American/Black	31%
● Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
● Caucasian (Non-Latino)	7%
● Latino/Hispanic	48%
● Multi-Racial	4%
● Native American	<1%
● Other	9%



AGE RANGE

● 0 - 5	7%
● 6 - 11	15%
● 12 - 17	53%
● 18+	25%

GEORGE AND MICHAEL

“For the first time, I felt like someone wasn’t giving up on me.”

– George, age 19



When George’s longtime CASA needed to step down due to health issues, Michael stepped in without hesitation. George was 16 years old at the time and preparing for major surgery. He had been moving between short-term residential therapeutic programs (STRTPs), with little continuity or stability.

From the beginning, Michael became a consistent and steady presence. He joined George’s Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings, supported him through surgery and recovery, and advocated for the time George needed to heal. When George transitioned to a new STRTP with a six-month limit, Michael successfully pushed for an extended stay, ensuring George had a full year to recover and regain his footing.

At school, George had an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and was eligible for speech therapy and tutoring through the regional center, yet services were inconsistent and he struggled to stay engaged. Diagnosed with bipolar disorder, ADHD, and an intellectual disability, George had experienced repeated disruptions in his education and had grown discouraged about school. Michael immersed himself in George’s educational records, participated in

classes alongside him, and worked to understand what supports were truly in place.

Through that advocacy, Michael discovered that George had already earned enough credits to graduate. Because of Michael’s persistence, George was able to receive his high school diploma and participate in graduation ceremony, an important milestone that once seemed out of reach.

Michael also helped George look ahead. George had dreamed of playing professional basketball and hopes to attend community college to continue the sport he loves. Michael took him to visit community colleges and meet with basketball coaches, helping him envision a future beyond the system. George now has a clear path forward, and a dedicated and consistent advocate who continues to stand by him.

91%

of children experienced improved or maintained educational outcomes at case closure

30

youth graduated high school or completed their GED

266

children and youth had a CASA supporting with their educational or development rights

*Youth’s name has been changed

TAYLOR AND BAILEY

88%

of children experienced safety outcomes at case closure

130

children and youth moved to a more appropriate placement

37%

of children were placed in home of parents or relatives at case closure



“Being a CASA volunteer has made me more aware of what I can do right here in my community to help the young people of tomorrow. If every young person in foster care had a CASA, it would make a world of difference.”

– Taylor Polidore, CASA Volunteer

Over the past four years, Taylor has served as a CASA volunteer for three young people. In 2022, she was matched with Bailey, who was 11 years old at the time. Bailey had recently entered the dependency system following the death of her mother and was placed with a resource family after no immediate relatives or extended family connections were identified.

From their earliest visits, Taylor sensed how isolated Bailey felt. During one conversation, Bailey shared that her mother had a sister she hoped to meet one day. Taylor followed up and discovered that Bailey’s aunt had been actively trying to connect with her niece but had encountered barriers navigating the out-of-state child welfare system.

With Taylor’s advocacy, the process began to move forward.

Within a few months, Bailey was able to travel out of state to meet her aunt for the first time. When she returned, Taylor saw a clear shift. Bailey was energized

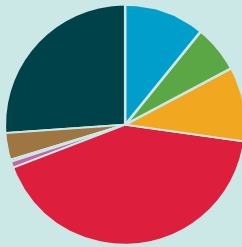
and hopeful. “Everyone there looks like me,” Bailey shared. “I’m ready to start my new life.”

That visit marked a turning point. Bailey went from having no clear path to permanency to building a meaningful connection with family. After a year of continued coordination, follow-up, and advocacy, Bailey was able to move out of state to live with her aunt.

Since that transition, Taylor has seen Bailey grow in confidence and self-expression. While Bailey had appeared to be doing well in foster care, living with family allowed her to feel secure enough to truly open up. Supported by her aunt, Bailey began exploring her identity, choosing to use both she and they pronouns and selecting a new name that reflects multiple parts of her family history. Taylor has witnessed how affirming and supportive Bailey’s aunt has been throughout this process and describes the placement as the best possible outcome.

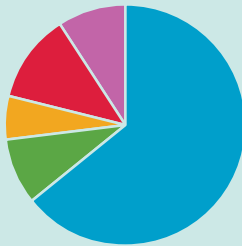
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REVENUE



● Foundations	1,293,893	11.1%
● Special Event Revenue	718,671	6.2%
● Individuals	1,175,141	10.1%
● Government	4,878,520	42%
● Corporate	85,341	0.7%
● Civic/Faith	21,113	0.2%
● Other	413,981	3.6%
● In-kind	3,029,996	26.1%
	11,616,655	100%

EXPENSE



● Advocacy	7,467,625	64.3%
● Volunteer Training and Services	1,022,955	8.8%
● Recruiting and Outreach	693,619	6.0%
● Management and General	1,381,124	11.9%
● Fundraising	1,049,400	9%
	11,614,723	100%

"Things that may seem unimportant relative to the child's legal case, but that have a huge impact on the child's quality of life, are what CASA volunteers consistently relay to the parties and to the court. The benefits of CASA volunteers are undeniable in every case."

– Children's Law Center Attorney

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