

Court Appointed Special Advocates are appointed by the judge on behalf of the best interests of the child. These community volunteers help ensure the children don't get lost in the child welfare system.

One child, one CASA, one voice, until the child finds a safe and permanent home - that is the goal of CASA.

Macon County CASA is a non-profit service agency dedicated to providing a voice in court for abused and neglected children. Volunteers see the court-assigned children at least once a month and ensure they are in a safe home and have everything they need to be successful in life at that time. CASA volunteers are trained to speak on behalf of the child to provide the best possible chance at a promising future. Parents with DCFS involvement can ask their attorney to call for an appointment of a CASA volunteer for their children in care.

## MACON COUNTY CASA MISSION STATEMENT

To provide court appointed volunteers to advocate for the abused, neglected, and/or dependent children who are involved in the juvenile court system. It shall further be the purpose of this corporation to educate the community regarding its responsibility for children who have been abused or neglected and found to be dependent.

### WEBSITE

[www.maconcountycasa.org](http://www.maconcountycasa.org)

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## MACON COUNTY CASA PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE



*The Voice For Each Child*

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Individualized service plan to be completed in timely manner (Plan should be set up within 45 days of Shelter Care).
- Weekly supervised parent/child visits (frequency will vary).
- Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTM) once every 3 months (Supports like your public defender, the GAL for your child, therapists, counselors, CASA advocates, etc. can be present). First CFTM to be scheduled within 10 days of Shelter Care.
- Administrative Case Review (ACR) every 6 months.
- Permanency court review every 6 months.
- Communication with your public defender must be scheduled (office located on 2nd floor of the Macon County Courthouse) directly after the public defender has been appointed.



## A CHILD'S RIGHTS

As a youth in care, your child has a document of rights that he/she should receive and sign from the agency caseworker. Your child has a right to meet and talk with a lawyer - their GAL (guardian ad litem).



## CONTACTS YOU MAY NEED:

Crossing Healthcare  
(217) 877-9117

Department of Children &  
Family Services (DCFS)  
(217) 875-6750  
1 (800) 232-3798

DCFS Advocacy Center  
(217) 524-2029

DCFS Day Care  
(877) 746-0829

Heritage Behavioral Health Center  
(217) 362-6262

Lutheran Child & Family Services (LCFS)  
(217) 428-8380

Prevention and Treatment Services  
of Decatur, Inc. (PATs)  
(217) 615-3236

Primed for Life  
(217) 706-5559

Public Defenders & GAL Office  
(217) 425-7011

Webster-Cantrell Hall  
(217) 423-6961

Youth Advocate Program (YAP)  
(217) 422-7864