



GEORGIA COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES, INC. FY 2007 Budget Request

WHAT IS A CASA?

A CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is a community volunteer trained to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in foster care. The goal of CASA is a safe and permanent home for every child.

THE ROLE OF CASA

A CASA volunteer gives thorough, detailed attention to each child. A CASA gathers information about the child's situation, attends court proceedings and makes an objective recommendation to the judge to help the court make a sound decision about the child's future.

REQUEST

\$656,000 to serve approximately 3,000 more children. Proposed expansion includes the following:

- ◆ Northern Judicial Circuit - counties include Elbert, Franklin, Hart, Madison and Oglethorpe
- ◆ Towaliga Judicial Circuit - counties include Butts, Lamar and Monroe
- ◆ Coweta County in the Coweta Judicial Circuit
- ◆ Griffin Judicial Circuit - counties include Fayette, Pike, Spalding and Upson
- ◆ Waycross Judicial Circuit - counties include Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Coffee, Pierce and Ware
- ◆ Cordele Judicial Circuit - counties include Ben Hill, Crisp, Dooly and Wilcox counties
- ◆ Expansion of CASA programs to 20 new counties
- ◆ Increase in the number of children served by all CASA programs

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