

COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 124 of 2024

722.2009 Responsibilities and duties of CASA volunteers.

Sec. 9.

(1) Upon appointment in a proceeding, a CASA volunteer must do both of the following:

(a) Conduct an independent investigation regarding the best interests of the CASA child that will provide factual information to the court regarding the CASA child and the CASA child's family. The investigation may include interviews with and observations of the CASA child and the CASA child's family, interviews with other appropriate individuals, and review of relevant records and reports.

(b) Make recommendations to the court for services for the CASA child and the CASA child's family and report to the court on the participation in, benefits of, and outcomes of the services.

(2) The CASA volunteer, with the support and supervision of CASA program staff, shall make recommendations consistent with the best interests of the CASA child regarding placement, visitation, and appropriate services for the CASA child and the CASA child's family. The CASA volunteer with CASA program staff must prepare a written report to be distributed to the court and the parties to the proceeding.

(3) The CASA volunteer must monitor the case to which the CASA volunteer has been appointed to ensure that the CASA child's essential needs are being met.

(4) The CASA volunteer must make every effort to attend all hearings, meetings, and other proceedings concerning the CASA child to which the CASA volunteer has been appointed.

(5) The CASA volunteer may be called as a witness in a proceeding by a party or the court.

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