



MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association champions the needs of abused and neglected children by supporting and expanding local CASA programs. Giving every child who has experienced trauma through abuse or neglect a voice in Wisconsin.

HOW CASA WORKS

CASA serves children up to the age of 18. Judges appoint CASA volunteers to advocate for children's best interests. Every CASA Advocate works with legal and child welfare professionals, educators, and service providers to ensure that judges have all the information they need to make the most well-informed decisions for each child. The Advocate stays with each case until it is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home.



Marathon County program **opened in 2024** and served **36 children** with **20 Advocates** in their first year.

The 2024 State Conference hosted **100 attendees** who engaged in **8 learning sessions**.

Started work on **expanding CASA programs** to **Fond du Lac** and **Wood** counties with **5 community members**.

\$100,000 of funding was **passed through** to local programs.

2024 BY THE NUMBERS	6,000+	11	15	960
	Children who are in out-of-home care in Wisconsin	Local CASA Programs	Counties served	Children served
573	22,500+		2,171	
Advocates	Advocate hours volunteered		Eligible children NOT served by a CASA in counties where a CASA program currently exists.	

WHAT ADVOCATES DO



LEARN



ENGAGE



RECOMMEND



COLLABORATE



REPORT

MORE THAN 93%

of judges report very positive experience with the CASA program

“I think that **CASA** is important for many reasons. One being that it is too easy for the children to get lost in the shuffle of the system. The court hearings may not have the children present, which can make it easier for those involved to forget that there are real lives being affected and that these decisions have ramifications for young and impressionable children.”

- Andrea, CASA Advocate



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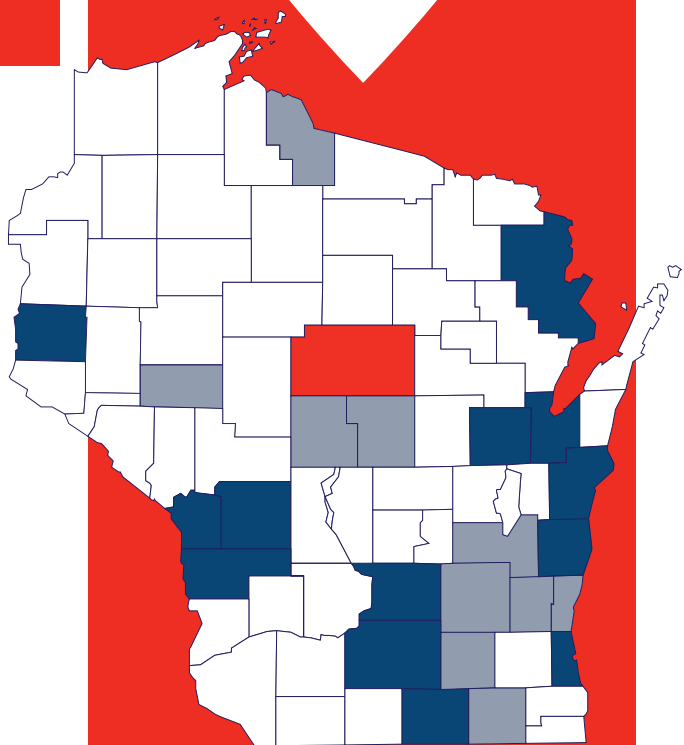
CASA VS GAL

CASA = Court Appointed Special Advocate, a specially-trained volunteer

GAL = Guardian Ad Litem, paid attorney

Both are appointed by the court to advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect.

Local CASA programs currently serve 15 counties in Wisconsin:
Barron, Brown, Columbia, Dane, La Crosse, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marinette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Outagamie, Rock, Sheboygan, St. Croix and Vernon counties.



■ Current Programs ■ New Programs in 2024 ■ Requested New Programs