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The National CASA Association Mission Statement

The National CASA Association, together with its state and local members, supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that every abused or neglected child can be safe, establish permanence and have the opportunity to thrive.

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Introduction

From the first organized meeting of state CASA/GAL representatives in July 1987, with 9 state organizations in attendance, to today, with 46 state offices, we have seen many changes for state programs across the country.

State programs range from state-funded, state-administered programs to nonprofit organizations that grew from informal networks of CASA program directors. Whatever form individual state organizations may have, each shares many of the same responsibilities.

As our state organizations have matured and grown, so have the successes gained from their work. This compilation of information provides a snapshot of each state, highlighting particular areas of interest. While it is difficult to capture all the unique services of each state organization, the state directors have provided the most frequently requested data along with links useful in advanced searches.

Our network of CASA programs across the US has benefited from the broad range of services provided by the state organizations. Their success in leading the network to serve more children is a direct result of the quality of our state offices and staff.

Contact information for each state office can be found by going to the CASAforChildren.org homepage and clicking on the "Advanced Search" link under "Find a Program Near You."

Disclaimer

The information provided is not intended to take the place of researching the laws, statutes, rules and other original current sources of authority within each state. Rather, it is intended to provide a general overview for each state at the point of time when the information was compiled in 2010. The information was collected from the state organizations, including their responses to National CASA's Annual Survey.

Questions?

Please direct your questions or comments to staff@nationalcasa.org. You will receive a reply from Paige Beard, program officer for the Mountain Plains, or Susan Grant, program officer for the Northeast.

Definitions of Fields Used in Tables

The following definitions apply to the headings used in the state detail tables below, which comprise the heart of this document.

Year state office opened—The approximate year a separate office was opened specifically to do business as the state CASA/GAL organization.

Structure—The structure of the state CASA/GAL office: a nonprofit, stand-alone organization; an office within state government (state-administered); or a network of local programs. Also the model

of service provided by the state office: no direct service (does not supervise volunteers assigned to children); or direct service (recruits, trains and supervises volunteers assigned to children).

Number of staff—The number of staff serving in the state office.

Governance structure—The governing structure of the organization: governing board of directors (and number on board); advisory board; or administered by state government.

Advisory board—Whether there is an advisory board organized to provide recommendations to and support of the state organization.

Friends of CASA—Whether there is a committee or separate organization that supports the work of the CASA program with fundraising activities.

CASA/GAL authority—The authority granted by state statute to CASA volunteers in their role as child advocates.

Administer local programs—Whether the state organization directly administers local programs.

Volunteer status—Whether volunteers are considered to be lay guardians ad litem or "friends of the court."

Number of local programs—The number of local CASA/GAL programs in the state.

Number of tribal court programs—The number of programs serving in tribal courts.

Remote offices—The number of offices located off-site from the main CASA/GAL program, usually providing services in adjacent counties but not considered separate programs.

Counties served/total counties—The number of counties served by a CASA program and the total number of counties in the state.

Total children served—The total number of children served by CASA/GAL advocates.

Total volunteers—The total number of active CASA/GAL volunteers in the state.

Affiliation agreement with local programs—Whether there is a written agreement between the state CASA/GAL office and local programs.

Membership dues—Whether membership dues are charged to local CASA/GAL programs and received as income by the state office.

Statewide conference—Whether an annual conference is held by the state CASA/GAL office for purposes of training CASA/GAL volunteers and staff.

Most recent FY expenses/revenue—The expenses incurred by the state office compared to revenue earned for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Most recent FY total from state—Funds specifically allocated to the state office budget from state government for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Most recent FY from court—Funds specifically allocated to the state office budget from the court for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Most recent FY VOCA funding—Funds specifically allocated to the state office budget from state Victims of Crime Act funds for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Most recent FY CJA funding—Funds specifically allocated to the state office budget from the state's Children's Justice Act grant for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding—Funds specifically allocated to the state office budget from the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation or local campus fraternities for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Most recent FY United Way funding—Funds specifically allocated to the state office budget from the United Way for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Most recent FY special event—Funds specifically raised for the state office from one or more special events planned and implemented by the state office for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Pass-through funding to local programs—Funds received by the state office and distributed to local programs providing direct service.

Funding equation used for pass-through—The funding distribution equation used to distribute pass-through funds received by the state office.

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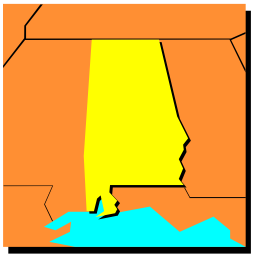

Alabama

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See Definitions of Fields Used in Tables for the meaning of the labels in the table below.

Year state office opened	Founded in 1997—first office 2001
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 2 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (12)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	New Partnership Council
CASA/GAL authority	N/A
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	10
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	10/67
Total children served	596
Total volunteers	275
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$141,905/$137,620
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	$3,000
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.alabamacasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The state office applies for all grants and foundation and corporate donations, conducts two mass donor appeal mailings annually and coordinates fundraising activities with the board's Public Relations and Fundraising Committee. Legislation has been introduced the past three years to provide state funding. Will be pursued again in 2011 legislative session. New Partnership Council formed in 2010 is assisting with corporate sponsorships and fundraising events.

Other creative funding strategies: The state office relies heavily on in-kind service and goods donations. New partnerships are being formed with other nonprofits that do not provide direct services but want to raise funds.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Court Improvement Project (including training for new judges and new guardian ad litem attorneys)
- Governor's Task Force to Strengthen Alabama Families
- Alabama Foster and Adoptive Parents Association
- Children's Trust Fund (Alabama Dept. of Child Abuse Prevention) work groups

The state office collaborates with other child protection agencies in the state and frequently conducts workshops as well as exhibiting at conferences.

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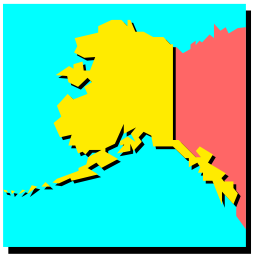

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Year state office opened	1987
Structure	State-administered, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	No board
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	Yes
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Lay GAL
Number of local programs	5
Number of tribal court programs	1
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	5 judicial districts
Total children served	505
Total volunteers	212
Affiliation agreement with local programs	No
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$55,000
Most recent FY total from state	$125,000
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: http://www.state.ak.us/courts/cina.htm

Link to statute: http://www.legis.state.ak.us/cgi-bin/folioisa.dll/stattx06/query=*/doc/%7B@20307%7D. See chapter 47.10, Child in Need of Aid.

Link to state organization webpage: www.alaskacasa.org

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Alaska CASA is a program of the state Office of Public Advocacy (OPA). The state director is responsible for seeking funding opportunities for the state organization and local programs. The overall Office of Public Advocacy budget is determined annually by the state legislature, and the OPA director is in charge of that process. The state director provides information and statistics as requested to assist in the state budget process.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Court Improvement Project
- CIP Education Subcommittee

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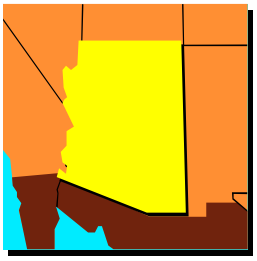

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Year state office opened	1985
Structure	State-administered, statewide, direct service
Number of staff	6 F/T—State office, 54 local program staff
Governance structure	State (court) administered
Advisory board	—
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	Yes
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	15
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	5
Counties served/total counties	15/15
Total children served	2,015
Total volunteers	1,005
Affiliation agreement with local programs	—
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$28,156,597/$2,777,803
Most recent FY total from state	$2,722,803
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$2,011,473
Funding equation used for pass-through	Annual budget requests/volunteer-coordinator ratio

Link to court rules: http://government.westlaw.com/linkedslice/default.asp?SP=AZR-1000

Link to statute:
http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/8/00523.htm&Title=8&DocType=ARS

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.supreme.state.az.us/casa/default.htm

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: State provides legislatively appropriated funding from a CASA fund, which is generated through the Arizona Lottery. Funding requested by state CASA program through requests of the Supreme Court to the state legislature.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- CPS Family to Family Implementation Committee, Concurrent Planning Committee
- State Child Fatality Review Team
- Court Improvement Committee
- Arizona Foster and Adoptive Parent Association Blue Ribbon Committee

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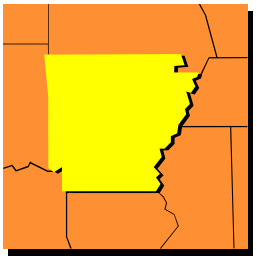

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Year state office opened	1997
Structure	State-administered, no direct service
Number of staff	2 F/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	Yes (12) (no board of directors)
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	25
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	10
Counties served/total counties	68/75
Total children served	3,484
Total volunteers	959
Affiliation agreement with local programs	—
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$1,282,735/$1,282,735
Most recent FY total from state	$1,227,735
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$1,517,000
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules:
http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/SearchCenter/Pages/ArkansasCodeSearchResultPage.aspx?name=9-27-401.Creation+%u2014+Representation+for+children+and+parents.

Link to statute:
http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/SearchCenter/Pages/ArkansasCodeSearchResultPage.aspx?name=9-27-401.Creation+%u2014+Representation+for+children+and+parents.

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.arkansascasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The Arkansas State CASA Association grants funds annually to local programs through an equitable funding formula.

Other creative funding strategies: In addition to the annual grants, provides special expense grants as funds are available to assist local programs with development, awareness and outreach.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

Advisory Council composed of leaders from DCFS, the judiciary, business professionals and leaders in other areas of child welfare. This council assists with review of grants and public relations activities.

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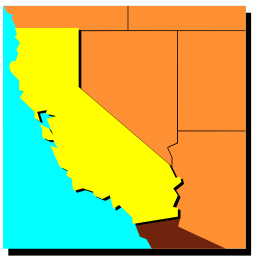

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Year state office opened	1987
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	4 F/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (15)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Lay GAL
Number of local programs	43
Number of tribal court programs	3
Remote offices	5
Counties served/total counties	43/58
Total children served	8,588
Total volunteers	5,341
Affiliation agreement with local programs	No
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$668,698/$564,501
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$36,250
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$104,929
Funding equation used for pass-through	No

Link to local rules of court: http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/otherwebsites.htm

Link to state rules of court: http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/

Link to statute: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=wic&group=00001-01000&file=100-110

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.californiacasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition:

- Foundation funding through proposal writing
- Administrative Office of the Courts (state)
- Governor's Office of Emergency Services (federal) RFP
- Fee for service to programs by agreement
- Individual ask letters 2-3 times per year
- Board donations

Other creative funding strategies: Fundraising through specially designed plate sales.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care
- Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
- National Governors Association Center for Best Practices Select Committee
- National CASA Association Legislative Advisory Committee
- National CASA Association Curriculum Advisory Committee
- California Permanency for Youth Task Force
- California Permanency for Youth Project Advisory Committee
- California Education Collaborative for Children in Foster Care
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth in Foster Care Task Force (in both the Bay Area and Southern California)

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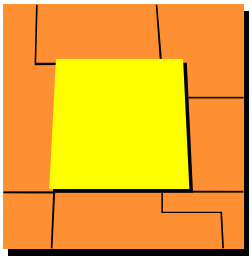

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Year state office opened	1996
Structure	Nonprofit
Number of staff	4 F/T
Governance structure	Governing board (13)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	Rural Initiative (5 programs)
Volunteer status	Friend of the court, CASA/GAL team
Number of local programs	17
Number of tribal court programs	1
Remote offices	6
Counties served/total counties	53/64
Total children served	3,273
Total volunteers	1,411
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$1,363,474/$1,355,184
Most recent FY total from state	$520,000
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$6,285
Pass-through funding to local programs	$361,418
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: www.coloradocasa.org

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition:

Passes through funding based on annually reviewed formula.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Colorado State Court Improvement Program Committee Member and Collaboration Subcommittee
- Colorado State Child Fatality Review Team
- Colorado Systems Integration Model for Infants (C-SIMI) Advisory Board
- Colorado Partnership for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (CPPCAN)
- Colorado Children's Justice Task Force

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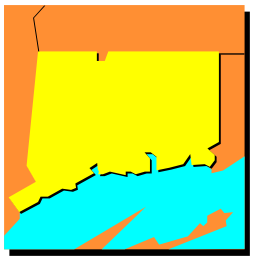

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Year state office opened	1979
Structure	Nonprofit, statewide, direct service
Number of staff	7 F/T, 10 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (11)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	Yes
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	18
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	18
Counties served/total counties	8/8
Total children served	
Total volunteers	
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$632,712/$583,880
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$412,040
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	$1,214
Most recent FY United Way funding	$2,871
Most recent FY special event funding	$11,677
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.childreninplacement.org/contact.html

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: N/A

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: N/A

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Delaware

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Year state office opened	1981
Structure	State-administered, statewide, direct service
Number of staff	12 F/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	Yes
Friends of CASA	Yes
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	Yes
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	3
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	3
Counties served/total counties	3/3
Total children served	
Total volunteers	260
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$1,000,917/$1,001,579
Most recent FY total from state	$665,917
Most recent FY from court	$270,000
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$10,662
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: http://courts.delaware.gov/rules/?FamilyRulesCivil4-04.pdf

Link to statute: http://delcode.delaware.gov/title31/c036/index.shtml

Link to state organization webpage: http://courts.delaware.gov/family/casa/

Description of state office role in state funding allocation and appropriation: Manager assures proper spending according to budget.

Other creative funding strategies: Friends of CASA

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Court Improvement Project
- Child Protection Accountability Commission
- Interagency Committee on Adoption
- Children and Service Review focus groups
- Stakeholder meetings
- Program Improvement Plan workgroup

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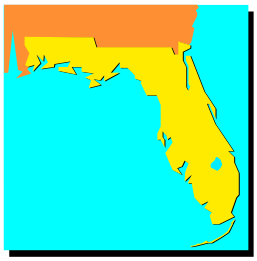

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Year state office opened	2004
Structure	State-administered, statewide, direct service
Number of staff	24 F/T, 2 P/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	N/A
Friends of CASA	Yes
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	Yes
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	20
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	62
Counties served/total counties	67/67
Total children served (statewide)	55,764
Total volunteers (statewide)	6,670
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$32,099,594/$32,099,594
Most recent FY total from state	$32,099,594
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute:
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Link to state organization webpage: http://www.GuardianadLitem.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The state office works with legislature to secure state funding and with a nonprofit friends group to secure private funding.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Supreme Court Committee on Families and Children in the Court
- Legal Needs of Children Committee of the Florida Bar
- Florida Mentoring Partnership Advocacy Council

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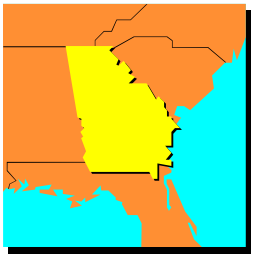

Georgia

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Year state office opened	1988
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	7 F/T, 2 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (27)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court/lay GAL
Number of local programs	48
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	133/159
Total children served	9,065
Total volunteers	2,373
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$2,600,365/$2,611,854
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	$26,946
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	$2,293
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$1,564,423
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: http://www.lexis-nexis.com/hottopics/gacode/

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.gacasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Georgia CASA leads and directs efforts to secure funding increases for the network through the legislative process. This multi-level process involves year-round planning and meetings with key officials. During the legislative session, Georgia CASA and its legislative consultant monitor the progress of budget increases and inform the network of any activity. Georgia CASA receives the state funding and, based on the funding allocation formula, payments are distributed to the local programs on a quarterly basis, upon submission of statistical reports.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Court Improvement Project—Supreme Court Committee on Justice for Children
- Council of Juvenile Court Judges Agency Alliance
- Child Placement Conference
- Victims of Crime Act State Advisory Group
- Georgia Drug Endangered Children Committee
- Children's Justice Act Advisory Committee
- United Against Child Abuse Coalition
- Celebration of Educational Excellence—Foster Care Graduation
- Child and Family Services Review Committee
- National CASA Evaluation Committee
- National CASA Standards Committee
- National CASA Conference Planning Committee
- National CASA Curriculum Advisory Committee
- Training Advisory Group for Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (VOCA)

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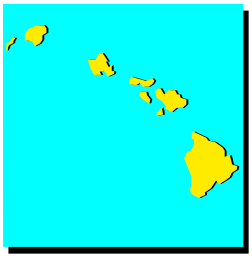

Hawaii

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Year state office opened	No state office
Structure	N/A
Number of staff	N/A
Governance structure	N/A
Advisory board	N/A
Friends of CASA	In development
CASA/GAL authority	N/A
Administer local programs	N/A
Volunteer status	N/A
Number of local programs	4
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	4
Total children served	728
Total volunteers	278
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	N/A
Statewide conference	N/A
Most recent FY budget	N/A
Most recent FY total from state	N/A
Most recent FY from court	N/A
Most recent FY VOCA funding	N/A
Most recent FY CJA funding	N/A
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	N/A
Most recent FY United Way funding	N/A
Most recent FY special event funding	N/A
Pass-through funding to local programs	N/A
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: N/A

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: N/A

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: N/A

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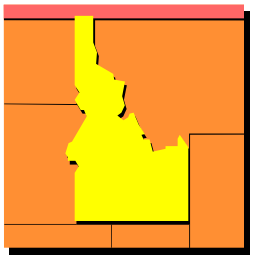

Idaho

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Year state office opened	2001
Structure	State-administered, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Lay GAL
Number of local programs	8
Number of tribal court programs	1
Remote offices	1
Counties served/total counties	44/44
Total children served	3,091
Total volunteers	527
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$62,375/$657,557
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$602,557
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$582,800
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: http://www.isc.idaho.gov/rules/juvidx.htm

Link to statute: http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/TOC/IDStatutesTOC.htm

Link to court rules: http://www.isc.idaho.gov/rules/juvidx.htm

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.isc.idaho.gov/gal.htm

Funding equation for pass-through: Base allocation + 60% children served + 30% number of volunteers + 10% fundraising.

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: None.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: None.

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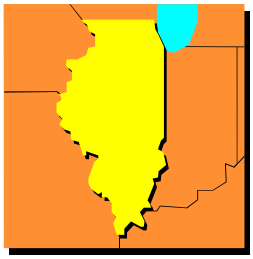

Illinois

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Year state office opened	1993
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T
Governance structure	Governing board (15)
Advisory board	African American Advisory Board
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court and lay GAL
Number of local programs	30
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	34/102
Total children served	5,784
Total volunteers	2,315
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$142,265/$142,265
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$35,768
Most recent FY VOCA funding	$15,000
Most recent FY CJA funding	$4,000
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$1,895
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: :
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Link to state organization webpage: www.illinoiscasa.org

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Illinois CASA is currently seeking a $5 million appropriation for CASA in the state of Illinois.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Children's Justice Task Force
- Child Death Review Team
- Court Improvement Program/Judicial Advisory Committee
- Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
- Association of Fundraising Professionals

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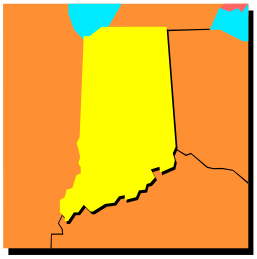

Indiana

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Year state office opened	1990
Structure	State-administered, no direct service
Number of staff	2 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	Advisory commission
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Parties to proceedings
Number of local programs	58
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	6
Counties served/total counties	71/92
Total children served	17,123
Total volunteers	2,940
Affiliation agreement with local programs	No
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$3,545,248/$3,545,248
Most recent FY total from state	$2,970,248
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$3,200,000
Funding equation used for pass-through	See below*

Link to court rules: http://www.in.gov/judiciary/rules/

Link to statute: http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title31/

Link to state organization webpage: www.in.gov/judiciary/galcasa

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: * Funding is allocated from the legislature and is part of the Supreme Court's budget. Programs receive matching grants from the state that must be matched dollar for dollar by county tax dollars. Money is distributed based on the number of abuse/neglect cases in the county in the prior year.

Other creative funding strategies: Have received CAPTA money from the Department of Child Services.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Child Welfare Improvement Committee (which oversees CIP funds)
- Board for the Coordination of Programs Serving Vulnerable Children (disproportionality) and child welfare subcommittee
- The Finance Project (reviewing state funding and services for older foster youth)
- Indiana Bar Association, Civil Rights of Children Committee and disproportionality subcommittee
- Supreme Court's Family Court Steering Committee

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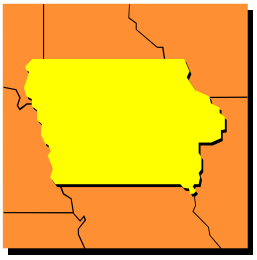

Iowa

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Year state office opened	1986
Structure	State-administered, direct service
Number of staff	5 F/T
Governance structure	Governing board (9)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	Yes
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	Yes
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	1
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	15
Counties served/total counties	99/99
Total children served	1,367
Total volunteers	560
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$1,653,171/$1,653,171
Most recent FY total from state	$1,596,171
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: Iowa Code Sections 232.2(9); 232.2(22); 232.13; 232.89(5); 232.126; 232.147(3); 237.18(7).

Link to state organization webpage: http://childadvocacy.iowa.gov/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The Iowa CASA Program is a program of the Iowa Child Advocacy Board. Funding for the state and local offices' staff and operations is provided by an annual state appropriation. The state office is responsible for preparing the annual budget request and administering the funds for all local offices.

Other creative funding strategies: Special project grant applications.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Iowa Department of Human Services Stakeholders' Group
- Iowa Department of Human Services Kinship Care Work Group
- Children's Justice Initiative Advisory Committee (Iowa's Court Improvement Project)
- Children's Justice Initiative Data Committee (Iowa's Court Improvement Project)
- Children's Justice Initiative Training Committee (Iowa's Court Improvement Project)
- Child Protection Council (Iowa's Statewide Citizen Review Panel)
- Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Steering Committee

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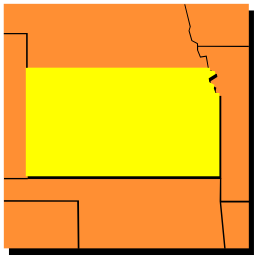

Kansas

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Year state office opened	1991
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1
Governance structure	Governing board (13)
Advisory board	Council of program directors
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	24
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	77/105
Total children served	2,058
Total volunteers	880
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes (new in 2011)
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$112,000/$107,256
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	Yes
Funding equation used for pass-through	Usually start with base amount and then additional funds are given based on children served, filings in district and program expenses.

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: www.kslegislature.org Statute 38-1505a.

Link to state organization webpage: www.kansascasa.org

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: State funding is provided through the Office of Judicial Administration. Kansas CASA is not involved in the distribution of those funds. Kansas CASA receives funding from IOLTA and Children's Justice Act that is passed through to local programs.

Other creative funding strategies: Kansas CASA contracts with the Office of Judicial Administration to provide registration support for two statewide trainings each year. The state director also provides staff support.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- SRS Child Safety and Permanency Review Panel—Children's Justice Act
- Kansas Supreme Court Task Force on Permanency Planning
- Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children
- Kansas Mentors
- Leadership Kansas

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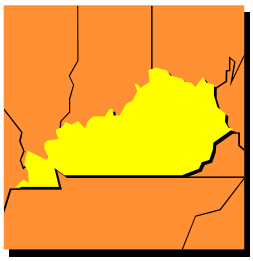

Kentucky

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Year state office opened	1998
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	Governing board (12)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	21
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	2
Counties served/total counties	42/120
Total children served	2,068
Total volunteers	618
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	Not provided/$222,636
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$5,000
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$33,909
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: http://lrc.ky.gov/KRS/620-00/CHAPTER.HTM

Link to state organization webpage: N/A

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: N/A

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: Community Stakeholder's Initiative (Department of Community Based Services, HHS)

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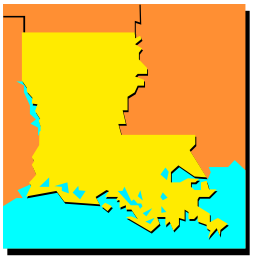

Louisiana

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Year state office opened	1994
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	4 F/T
Governance structure	Governing board (13)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Lay GAL
Number of local programs	17
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	55/64
Total children served	4,133
Total volunteers	1,803
Affiliation agreement with local programs	—
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$806,447/$772,586
Most recent FY total from state	$522,867
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	$20,000
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	No
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: http://www.legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?folder=71 Article 424 of the Louisiana Children's Code gives authority to CASA to operate and function in CINC cases in Louisiana.

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: www.louisianacasa.org

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Provide assistance through advocacy and education of leaders in supporting CASA and work with CASA Assistance Program of LA Supreme Court to provide training, technical assistance and support to the local programs. Funding is appropriated by the state legislature and the "receiver" of those funds is the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Through the CASA Assistance Program, the Supreme Court administers all funds including those received by the state association.

Other creative funding strategies: Currently creating a fund development plan.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Children's Cabinet Advisory Board
- Children's Justice Act Advisory Board
- Louisiana Court Improvement Program (CARE Advisory Committee, Strategic Planning Committee)
- Children's Advocacy Centers of Louisiana
- Legislative Task Force on Legal Representation of Children
- Special Legislative Committee to Study Foster Care
- Louisiana Children's Code Committee

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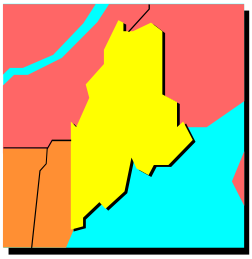

Maine

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Year state office opened	1985
Structure	State-administered, statewide, direct service
Number of staff	2 F/T, 3 P/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	Yes (13)
Friends of CASA	Yes
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	1
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	16/16
Total children served	278
Total volunteers	136
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	N/A
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$178,368/$178,152
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$72,325
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	No
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: http://www.courts.state.me.us/court_info/rules/rules.html

Link to statute: http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/homepage.htm

Link to state organization webpage:
http://www.courts.state.me.us/maine_courts/specialized/family/casa/index.shtml

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The state office is part of the Family Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts and advocates through that office for increased judicial branch and grant funding.

Other creative funding strategies: Friends of CASA.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: Advisory Committee on Children and Families

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Maryland

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Year state office opened	1998
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 4 P/T
Governance structure	Governing board (15)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	15
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	18
Counties served/total counties	18/24
Total children served	1,367
Total volunteers	918
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$231,723/$173,533
Most recent FY total from state	$6,848
Most recent FY from court	$70,583
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	$8,597
Most recent FY special event funding	$10,780
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: http://www.courts.state.md.us/family/casa_guidelines06.pdf

Link to statute: http://mlis.state.md.us/#stat

Link to state organization webpage: www.marylandcasa.org

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Maryland CASA is not involved in the state funding process. Like the local CASA programs, Maryland CASA applies for a state grant each year. Currently working with the AOC on a revised funding mechanism and, according to the draft version, Maryland CASA will be involved in the grant review process in future years.

Other creative funding strategies: Maryland CASA Association has applied with the local programs for a CJA grant to fund a collaborative recruitment/training project. Maryland CASA is also working with the local programs on a joint proposal to a private foundation to support this statewide project.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- State Council on Child Abuse & Neglect
- Children's Justice Act Committee
- Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children, Steering Committee
- Child and Family Services Advisory Committee
- Court & Legal Issues Subcommittee of Program Improvement Plan
- Foster Care Court Improvement Project, Implementation Committee, Legislative Subcommittee
- *The Connection* Editorial Board

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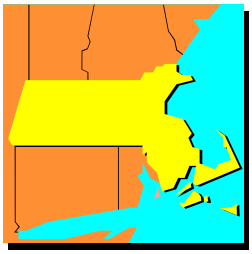

Massachusetts

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Year state office opened	No state association
Structure	N/A
Number of staff	0
Governance structure	N/A
Advisory board	N/A
Friends of CASA	N/A
CASA/GAL authority	
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Lay GAL/friend of the court
Number of local programs	6
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	7/15
Total children served	613
Total volunteers	299
Affiliation agreement with local programs	No
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	0
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	0

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: N/A

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: N/A

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates: The six Massachusetts programs created an informal network to share information and training.

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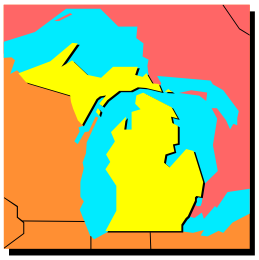

Michigan

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Year state office opened	2009*
Structure	Program of a nonprofit
Number of staff	1 F/T
Governance structure	Board of directors
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Court rules
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	24
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	1
Counties served/total counties	26/83
Total children served	1,539
Total volunteers	698
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$65,000
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: Court Rule 3.917: www.Michigan.gov, to MI Courts, to Court Rules, Chapter 3.

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: No webpage available at this time.

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Primary responsibility for funding the state office is assumed by its governing board. The board of directors and the executive director work jointly to plan and implement resource development. Local programs contribute membership dues.

Other creative funding strategies: In Michigan, local courts and human services have access to the Child Care Fund, which is the amount counties allocate for services to children in foster care as well as other court services. Local CASA programs (but not the state office) can "donate" their operating funds to the Child Care Fund through the county government. The county reports the dollars paid out, and the state reimburses the county up to 100% for its match. These doubled dollars are then paid back to the local program for services rendered by CASA volunteers to foster children. Michigan CASA has been instrumental in helping local programs access these funds.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Court Improvement Project Advisory Board
    - Quality Representation Subcommittee
- Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice (Children's Justice Act)
    - Citizens' Review Panel Committee
- Substance Abuse/Child Welfare State Team
- Adoption Oversight Committee (statewide)

* The Michigan CASA Association was originally founded by Children's Charter of the State of Michigan, a nonprofit agency that operated it for more than a decade. In 2009, Michigan CASA reorganized as an independent nonprofit.

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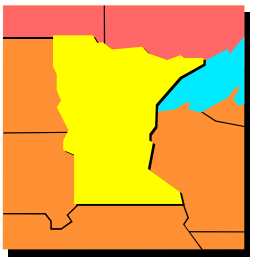

Minnesota

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Year state office opened	1998
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	Governing board (14)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Lay GAL
Number of local programs	3
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	3/87
Total children served	
Total volunteers	
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$104,620/$102,301
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$9,000
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	$380
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$4,169
Pass-through funding to local programs	$10,000
Funding equation used for pass-through	

Link to court rules: http://www.courts.state.mn.us/?page=564

Link to statute: MN State Statute 260c.163.subd5: www.leg.state.mn.us

Link to state organization webpage: www.casamn.org

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Funding formulas are set by the State Administrative Office of the Courts. CASA Minnesota works with the state court to provide testimony and support for the state court budget, which includes full funding of the guardian ad litem programs.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Minnesota Children's Platform
- State Court Guardian ad Litem Advisory Committee
- Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota Advisory Team
- Every Child Matters

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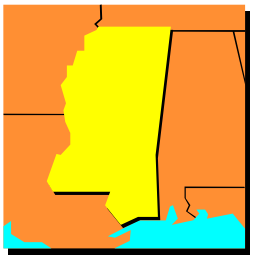

Mississippi

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Year state office opened	2002
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (11)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	N/A
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court/GAL
Number of local programs	9
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	9/82
Total children served	
Total volunteers	
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$63,590/$56,700
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.casams.org

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: State funding continues to be an issue following Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. CASA Mississippi will have a long wait before state funds become available for pass-through to local programs as budget constraints resulting from recovery efforts, housing shortage and DHS compliance issues continue to eliminate any possibility that we will acquire state funding in the next several years.

Other creative funding strategies: Utilizes Goodsearch and Goodshop, Benevolink, and I-Give vehicles for search engine and donation program, which generates a small amount of money yearly for each search or retail transaction performed on behalf of the organization. Utilizes FirstGiving for internet donations. Applies yearly for other funding to cover program scholarships to National CASA conference.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Juvenile Justice Curriculum Committee
- Governor's Commission on Rebuilding and Recovery—Health and Human Services Subcommittee
- Mississippi Center for Nonprofits
- Research Advocate—Mississippi State Training School Project

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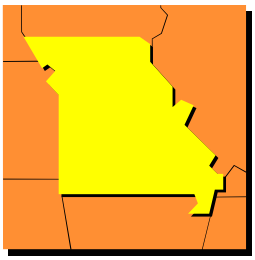

Missouri

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Year state office opened	1994
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	2 F/T, 2 P/T
Governance structure	Governing board (14)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Lay GAL or friend of the court
Number of local programs	22
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	37/115
Total children served	
Total volunteers	
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$298,944/$348,271
Most recent FY total from state	$270,000
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	$3,000
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$6,160
Pass-through funding to local programs	$114,348
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: www.courts.mo.gov on the Supreme Court homepage.

Link to statute: Missouri Revised Statutes Section 210.160: www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/c200-299/2100000160.htm

Link to state organization webpage: www.mocasa.net

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Worked with legislators to put Missouri CASA in the budget as a line item this year. Also receive tax credits through the Children in Crisis program passed last year.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Children's Justice Act Task Force
- Children's Division Program Improvement Plan Advisory Committee
- Juvenile Court Improvement Project
- Missouri Supreme Court Juvenile Court Rules Group
- Quality Assurance in Psychological/Clinical Services for Kids Advisory Committee

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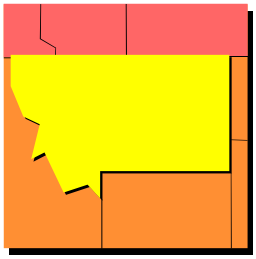

Montana

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Year state office opened	1998
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 2 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (13)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	N/A
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Lay GAL
Number of local programs	15
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	40/55
Total children served	1,242
Total volunteers	403
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$160,789/$164,500
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$14,000
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$56,000
Pass-through funding to local programs	$20,000
Funding equation used for pass-through	Application

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.casagal.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: State office involved in increased CASA funding proposal for local programs at legislative level.

Other creative funding strategies: Park 2 Park event (5-day bike ride from Glacier Park to Yellowstone).

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Advisory Council for Child and Family Services Division
- Court Assessment Program
- Montana Work Group on Bill of Rights for the Children of Incarcerated Parents
- Helena nonprofit group

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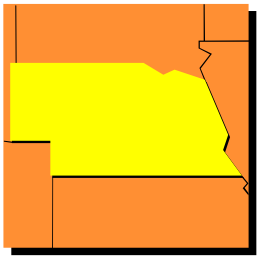

Nebraska

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Year state office opened	1998
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (10)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	19
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	31/93
Total children served	1,334
Total volunteers	537
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$165,834/$126,657
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	$7,645
Most recent FY CJA funding	$41,158
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$1,326
Pass-through funding to local programs	$30,875
Funding equation used for pass-through	None—by proposal

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute:
http://www.nebraskacasa.org/images/images/NEBRASKA%20REVISED%20STATUTES1.doc

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.nebraskacasa.org

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: With the Nebraska Bar Association, proposed legislation to fund all juvenile justice system services—including CASA. The bill was heard in committee but failed. The state association created presentation materials for local program directors to communicate with their local senators. Local program staff and board members in several districts met with their senators to describe the need for CASA and for state funding for CASA. The state director accompanied when possible. The state office provided packets of education information for elected officials.

Other creative funding strategies:. Reinstated quarterly newsletters to an enhanced mailing list, including potential funders as well as CASA partners.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Supreme Court Commission on Children and the Courts
- Supreme Court Subcommittee on Case Progression Standards
- Prevent Child Abuse Nebraska Conference
- Governor's Commission on the Safety and Protection of Children
- Children and Family Services Partners' Council
- Family Violence Council Board of Directors

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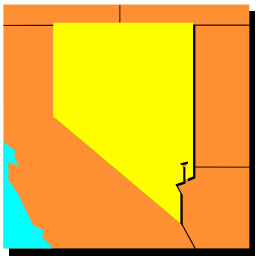

Nevada

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Year state office opened	2006
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (7)
Advisory board	None
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	6
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	1
Counties served/total counties	8/17
Total children served (statewide)	401
Total volunteers (statewide)	415
Affiliation agreement with local programs	No
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$105,159/$102,723
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$15,270
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$4,353
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: None

Link to statute: None

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.nevadacasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Makes requests for funding to the Administrative Office of the Courts, Supreme Court of Nevada.

Other creative funding strategies: None yet.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: None yet.

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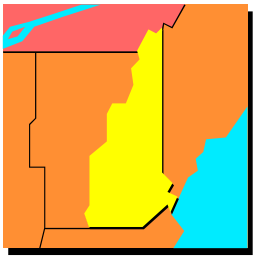

New Hampshire

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Year state office opened	1989
Structure	Nonprofit, statewide, direct service
Number of staff	19 F/T, 4 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (15)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	Yes
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	N/A
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	1
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	5
Counties served/total counties	10/10
Total children served	1,224
Total volunteers	420
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$1,211,558/$1,299,023
Most recent FY total from state	$495,000
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	$209,806
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	$8,648
Most recent FY special event funding	$164,005
Pass-through funding to local programs	N/A
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: (RSA 169c10: a): http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/indexes/default.html.

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.casanh.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Single program; all fundraising happens here.

Other creative funding strategies: SnowFest, plant stakes, holiday cards.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect (CJA-funded)
- State Child Fatality Review Committee
- Court Improvement Project (new or ongoing strategies)
- Greenbook
- Chief Justice Commission on Access to Justice
- State Commissioner of Health and Human Services Adoption Advisory Committee
- State Guardian ad Litem Board
- Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee
- Local wraparound teams

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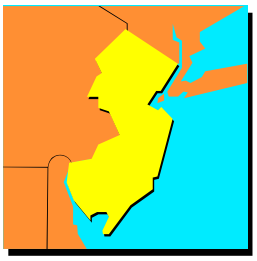

New Jersey

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Year state office opened	2000
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	5 F/T, 2 P/T, 2 VISTA
Governance structure	Board of directors (15)
Advisory board	Yes (5)
Affiliation Advisory Board	30 members/15 organizations
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Court rules
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	15
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	1
Counties served/total counties	19/21
Total children served (statewide)	2,830
Total volunteers (statewide)	1,812
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$1,169,490/$1,114,910 *
Most recent FY total from state	$861,000
Most recent FY from court	$39,375
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	$0
Most recent FY special event funding	$96,890
Pass-through funding to local programs	$725,235
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

*Includes pass-through funds to local programs.

Link to court rules: http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/rules/r5-8c.htm

Link to statute:
http://casaofnj.org/resources/1/Legislative%20Alerts/ACS3365%20Final%20Reprint.pdf

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.casaofnj.org

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: State staff and corresponding affiliate programs educate legislators concerning the CASA program. CASA of New Jersey staff, executive director and board of trustee members solicit funding. CASA of New Jersey sets up meetings, prepares talking points and coordinates meeting dates with affiliate programs for representation of affiliate staff, board members or volunteers and then does follow up. Once funding has been allocated in the budget for local CASA programs, the state office acts as the grant distributor. This involves sending out grant announcements and contracts, aggregating all information necessary for reporting to the state and providing a final year-end report.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
- Subcommittee on the Protection of Children
- Staffing and Oversight Review Subcommittee
- New Jersey Citizen Review Panel
- New Jersey Children in Court Improvement Committee

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New Mexico

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Year state office opened	1990
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T
Governance structure	Governing board (12)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	15
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	6
Counties served/total counties	30/33
Total children served	2,997
Total volunteers	776
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	Not provided/169,000
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$114,000
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: New Mexico Supreme Court Rule 10-121: http://legis.state.nm.us. Click on "Statutes."

Link to statute: New Mexico Supreme Court Rule 10-121: http://legis.state.nm.us. Click on "Statutes."

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.newmexicocasa.com

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The New Mexico CASA Network (a project of New Mexico Child Advocacy Networks) creates a draft legislative funding request for local CASA programs each year. This draft is built around a five-tier funding formula determined by cases served or volunteers. The draft becomes the foundation of the CASA part of Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)'s budget request. Any new money that the legislature appropriates is distributed from the AOC to district courts, which in turn contract with their local CASA programs.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- New Mexico Court Improvement Task Force
- Child and Family Services Review Team
- Performance Improvement Planning Team
- Supreme Court's Tribal-Judicial Consortium
- Children's Law Institute Planning Committee

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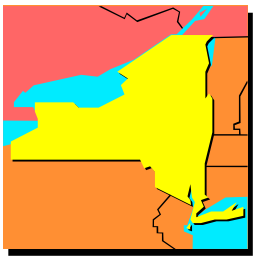

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Year state office opened	1991
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	3 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (15)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Court rules
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	21
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	7
Counties served/total counties	35/62
Total children served	3,640
Total volunteers	823
Affiliation agreement with local programs	No
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$249,883/$259,338
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$94,000
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefjudge/43.shtml and http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/chiefadmin/117.shtml

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.casanys.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: As a staunch advocate for the needs of children, Chief Judge Judith Kaye invited the state association and a representative from a local program to present to the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children in 2003. In her 2004 State of the Judiciary, the chief judge announced convening a work group of current and former family court personnel along with other court personnel to explore sustainability for the CASA network. The state association worked closely with the work group, providing information on the achievements and challenges the network faced. The recommendations of the work group included (a) development of court rules regarding CASA; (b) institutionalization of the program within the Office of Court Administration (OCA); and (c) ongoing statewide funding. The initial allocation to the network and state association was in excess of $750,000. In the fall of 2005, the NYS OCA CASA Assistance Program was created to work collaboratively with CASANYS to support the network, and the contracts for the initial year of funding were implemented that year.

Other creative funding strategies: A CASA/Domestic Violence Partnership Project Advisory Committee funded by the William B. Hoyt Memorial Children and Family Trust Fund through the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. Three regional trainings occurred in May 2006 with support from the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and the NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence. A guidelines manual was produced and will be an effective tool during CASA volunteer in-service trainings.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Statewide Permanency Plan Team (OCFS/OCA Collaboration)
- NYS Citizen's Coalition for Children, Inc.
- Children's Justice Task Force
- Empire State Society of Association Executives, Inc.
- Performance Measures Workgroup (OCA CASAAP)

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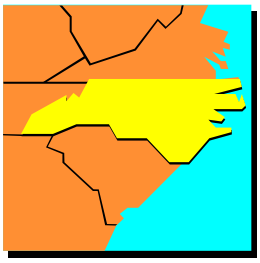

North Carolina

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Year state office opened	1983
Structure	State-administered, statewide, direct service
Number of staff	151 F/T, 19 P/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	Yes
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	40
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	29
Counties served/total counties	100/100
Total children served	15,866
Total volunteers	4,805
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$13,641,837/$13,641,837
Most recent FY total from state	$13,316,407
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	$30,782
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$12,823,327
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/CRS/Policies/LocalRules/Default.asp

Link to map of NC judicial districts, indicating counties:
http://www.iog.unc.edu/library/judicial/images/District2005.jpg

Link to statute:
http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_7B/GS_7B-601.html

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.nccourts.org/citizens/GAL/Default.asp

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The administrator works closely with AOC leadership in formulating the GAL budget, including requests for expansion funding. The GAL state office provides program and financial data to legislative committees and legislators. Data are also provided to program staff and volunteers to further the ongoing education of legislators regarding GAL program needs.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Child Fatality Task Force and Intentional Death Committee
- Child Fatality Review Team
- Court Improvement Project, Advisory Board, Training Committee, Juvenile Court Code Revision Committee
- Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section of the NC Bar Assoc., Advisory Council
- Governor's Crime Commission, Juvenile Justice Committee and Subcommittee on Abuse and Neglect
- Advisory Council of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Court Involvement PIP Work Group (in response to recent CFSR audit)
- Various workgroups as a stakeholder with the Department of Social Services (DSS)
- State Collaborative
- Judicial Summit on Children—as a member of the North Carolina team
- Covenant for Children
- Family Court Advisory Board

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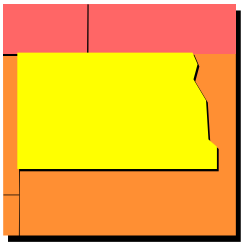

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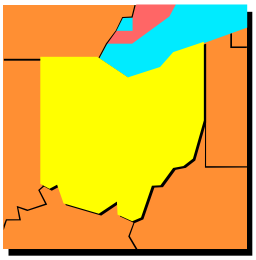

Ohio

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Year state office opened	1993
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	5 F/T, 2 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (19)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	35
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	3
Counties served/total counties	38/88
Total children served (statewide)	8,115
Total volunteers (statewide)	2,120
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$339,656/$380,473
Most recent FY total from state	$172,961
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	$1,516
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$5,957
Pass-through funding to local programs	$65,150
Funding equation used for pass-through	No

Link to court rules: http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Rules/juvenile/JuvenileProcedure.pdf

Link to statute: http://codes.ohio.gov/

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.ohiocasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Does not receive state funds.

Other creative funding strategies: License plates.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: Child Trauma Task Force.

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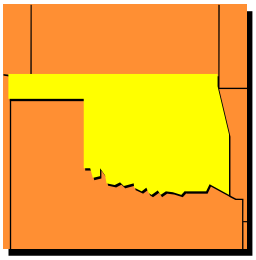

Oklahoma

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Year state office opened	1986
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	5 F/T, 2 P/T
Governance structure	Governing board (11)
Advisory board	Yes
Friends of CASA	Yes
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	26
Number of tribal court programs	3 (dual programs)
Remote offices	5
Counties served/total counties	59/77
Total children served	3,681
Total volunteers	1,365
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$1,397,171/$ 1,410,465
Most recent FY total from state	$752,000
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	$15,000
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	Yes
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.oklahomacasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The Oklahoma Attorney General is the pass-through agency with a contract for state dollars with the Oklahoma CASA Association. The association has a membership and funding policy that must be met prior to approval of membership and the ability to apply for state funds. The funds are distributed on a formula of $12,500 base and the remainder in a pro-rata share of half based on petitions filed in counties served. The other half of the share is based on cases served. This is calculated per program.

Other creative funding strategies: The Oklahoma CASA Association has a grant with the Department of Human Services to advance the roles of collaborative efforts between CASA and DHS. This money is distributed to the local programs on the same formula as the state-appropriated dollars but is a much lower dollar amount. These funds also pay for a traveling IT person to help the local programs maintain their computer equipment (which the state organization provided) with the focus on each program utilizing COMET to maintain their statistics to allow for more uniform reporting.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Oklahoma Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
- Child Abuse Training and Coordination Council
- Child Death Review Board
- Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
- Department of Human Services Review Team
- HB 1164 Committee
- Judicial Liaison Committee

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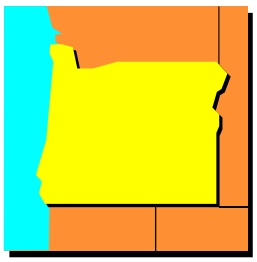

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Year state office opened	1989
Structure	State-administered, no direct service
Number of staff	1 P/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	None
Friends of CASA	In development
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	30
Number of tribal court programs	1
Remote offices	5
Counties served/total counties	36/36
Total children served (statewide)	4,770
Total volunteers (statewide)	1,813
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$1,363,942/$1,363,942
Most recent FY total from state	$1,308,942
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$1,274,113
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_400/OAR_423/423_045.html

Link to statute: http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/419a.html

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.oregon.gov/OCCF/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The Oregon Commission on Children and Families (OCCF) develops an agency budget proposal (CASA is a line item, one of many programs and initiatives) to the Governor's Office. Once the governor's proposed budget is determined, OCCF advocates for it and presents a biennial report and information as requested to legislators and committees. Once the legislative assembly and the governor have finalized the budget, funds for CASA are allocated to counties for CASA programs using a specified formula. Simultaneously, local CASA programs and the Oregon CASA Directors' Network develop a coordinated approach to awareness campaigns and legislator contacts.

Other creative funding strategies: A statewide strategic plan for full implementation of CASA in Oregon was designed in collaboration with major Oregon foundations and the Oregon CASA Directors' Network. The first phase provided increased training and technical assistance to programs in combination with foundation funding targeted to the developmental needs identified in local strategic plans. The Oregon CASA Directors' Network is now undertaking strategic planning regarding network structure, marketing and donor development.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- A CASA for Every Child—Strategic Planning Committee
- Oregon CASA Directors' Network
- Juvenile Court Improvement Project Advisory Board
- Child Welfare Advisory Committee
- Children's Justice Act Task Force
- Oregon's Safe and Equitable Foster Care Reduction Project and Equity Task Force
- Other rule advisory committees and task forces to develop policy and practice in child welfare and court systems: relatives, adoptions, social file, foster care rates, etc.

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Year state office opened	1998
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (18)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	20
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	21/60
Total children served	1,470
Total volunteers	668
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes ($25)
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$91,024/$81,067
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	$761
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$11,958
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol29/29-28/1092.html and http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol29/29-28/29_28_sop.pdf

Link to statute: http://www.pacode.com/secure/search.asp

Link to state organization webpage: http://pacasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: None.

Other creative funding strategies: Events, corporate relationships, foundations.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Protect Our Children Committee (Statewide organization of associations)
- CAPTA Compliance Task Force

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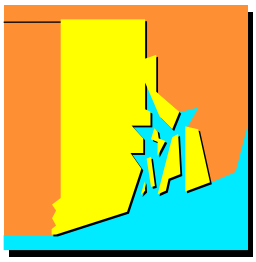

Rhode Island

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Year state office opened	1978
Structure	State-administered, statewide, direct service
Number of staff	20 F/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	Yes
Friends of CASA	Yes
CASA/GAL authority	Statute, court rules and administrative orders
Administer local programs	Yes
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	1
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	1
Counties served/total counties	5/5
Total children served	520
Total volunteers	193
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$2,204,233/$2,104,233
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$2,049,233
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: There is no website link to court rules, but they are available in print as part of the *Rhode Island General Laws*. The court rules do reference the appointment of a guardian ad litem or CASA volunteer on *ex parte* petitions and on involuntary termination of parental rights petitions.

There are also administrative orders that speak to the formation of Rhode Island CASA and the shared responsibilities of the CASA volunteer and attorney guardian ad litem.

Link to statute: www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/ 9-1-27.2 Immunity from Liability; 40-11-7.1 Family Court Proceedings; 40-11-14 Right to Representation.

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.courts.state.ri.us/family/casa.htm

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Beyond making needs known to the family court chief of staff and the chief judge of the family court, both informally and through the Advisory Board, has no role in the funding process.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Court Improvement Program Training Grant Committee
- Children's Justice Task Force
- Rhode Island's Special Needs Adoption Coalition Task Force
- Family Treatment Drug Court Oversight Committee

Regularly participates in the training of new DCYF social workers. Provides speakers to various social service agencies throughout the state to bring clarity to CASA's role within the system. Has provided panel participants to the statewide Foster Parents' Association meetings and to the Rhode Island Legal/Education Partnership Program. Staff attorneys participate in Law Day activities by speaking in various schools throughout the state, informing students about abuse, neglect and CASA's role relative to those issues. In addition, Brown University Medical School hosts a summer SEARCH (Student Experiences and Rotations in Community Health) program for medical, social work and nurse practitioner students who are desirous of working with underserved populations. The state organization is one of their site visits and provides them with information on abuse and neglect as well as the roles that the child welfare agency, CASA volunteer and the court play in such cases.

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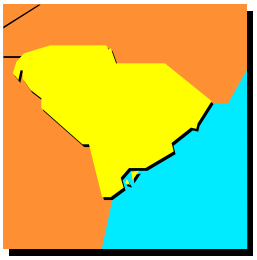

South Carolina

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Year state office opened	1984
Structure	State-administered, statewide, direct service
Number of staff	66 F/T, 20 P/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	None
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	Yes
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	2
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	36
Counties served/total counties	45
Total children served	5,593
Total volunteers	1,369
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$4,209,175/$4,252,314
Most recent FY total from state	$1,415,953
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	$32,245
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: http://www.judicial.state.sc.us The link to court rules is on the left of the home page.

Link to statute: http://www.scstatehouse.net/ The link to the full text of South Carolina laws and the laws by title/chapter is on the left. The Children's Code is Code 20—domestic relations.

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.oepp.sc.gov/gal/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The Office of Executive Policy and Programs (OEPP) creates one budget from the division budgets of each program. The South Carolina GAL Program is a division. Each division director accompanies the director of OEPP to meet with the state office chief policy advisor and chief financial analyst, then presents budget requests to the Governor's Office. Once the governor's budget is complete, it is submitted to both chambers of the legislature. The subcommittees in both the House of Representatives and the Senate that oversee OEPP and the divisions within it have the state organization present budget requests at subcommittee hearings. Then the subcommittee makes a recommendation to the entire finance committee of each chamber (House Ways and Means and Senate Finance). At this point, the state organization may need to meet with individual senators or representatives to further explain requests. The budget that is presented from the two chambers has to become reconciled at conference committee late in the session. If the initial requests are not supported, this is the last opportunity to have it debated on the floor of the combined legislature by the legislators. Before that time, state office staff communicate with legislators who carry the request into conference committee.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Children's Justice Act Task Force
- Child Welfare Action Committee
- Bench/Bar Committee
- Citizen's Review Panel

The Department of Social Services hosts a monthly meeting that comprises DSS, South Carolina GAL, FCRB and the Foster Parents' Association. Each county GAL office participates in a quarterly meeting of the same nature in the county.

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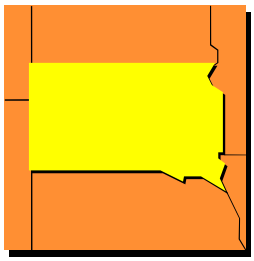

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Year state office opened	2002
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (15)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	No
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	8
Number of tribal court programs	2
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	48/66
Total children served	1,583 *
Total volunteers	330 *
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$72,107/$70,741
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$15,000
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A
* Numbers do not reflect tribal CASA program	

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.sdcasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The South Dakota CASA Commission distributes funds to local and tribal CASA programs from court fees. Funding equation: CASA programs generally ask for approximately 20% of their annual budget. Traditionally, the CASA Commission considers size of program and need.

Other creative funding strategies: Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: N/A

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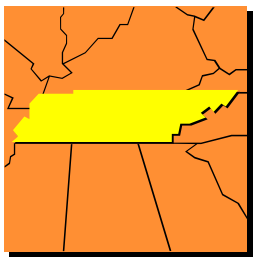

Tennessee

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Year state office opened	1988
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	2 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (16)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	24
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	42/95
Total children served	4,625
Total volunteers	1,431
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$179,453/$187,647
Most recent FY total from state	$91,788
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	$3,554
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$47,250
Funding equation used for pass-through	No

Link to court rules:
http://www.tsc.state.tn.us/opinions/tsc/RULES/TNRulesOfCourt/rulesindex.htm

Link to statute: http://tennessee.gov/sos/acts/103/pub/pc0584.pdf

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.tncasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Tennessee CASA receives approximately $91,000 each year from a marriage license fee. All monies from this fee are used for the expansion of CASA programs in unserved or underserved areas throughout the state.

Other creative funding strategies: In 2008, a law was enacted that allows counties to collect a $45 fine for certain offenses, with $3 of this amount going to the clerk of courts and the remaining $42 to nonprofits serving victims of domestic violence (see Tennessee Code Act 40-24-109). Five programs receive these funds, ranging from less than $10,000 to $25,000 per year. Other programs have had difficulty competing with child advocacy centers and domestic violence shelters for these funds.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Tennessee Department of Children's Services Advisory Committee
- Administrative Office of the Courts Court Improvement Work Group
- Child Abuse Prevention Committee
- Children's Justice Task Force

Additionally, the state office reports quarterly to the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth.

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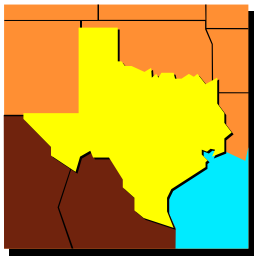

Texas

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Year state office opened	1989
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	19 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (23)
Advisory board	Yes
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	GAL and friend of the court
Number of local programs	69
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	1
Counties served/total counties	204/254
Total children served	19,818
Total volunteers	5,648
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$8,100,000/$7,555,000
Most recent FY total from state	$3,548,000
Most recent FY from court	$230,000
Most recent FY VOCA funding	$3,700,000
Most recent FY CJA funding	$250,000
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$6,400,000
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: www.capitol.state.tx.us

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.texascasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: VOCA funds are received from the governor's office through an application process. The state organization distributes funds to local programs through a board-approved formula. The balance of funds is received from the state's crime victim's compensation fund. CASA appropriations are part of legislative appropriation to the attorney general's office. An application to the attorney general's office is required. The state organization distributes funds to local programs through a board-approved formula.

Other creative funding strategies: License plates, 5K races throughout the state.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Relief Nursery of Central Texas
- Foster Youth Advocacy Organization
- Governor's Juvenile Advisory Board
- Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services Committee to Develop a Volunteer Advocate Program for the Elderly (HB 4154)
- Foster Care Redesign Committee

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Utah

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Year state office opened	1994
Structure	State-administered, 7 direct service
Number of staff	65 F/T, 10 P/T*
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	Yes
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	10
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	10
Counties served/total counties	29/29
Total children served	269
Total volunteers	280
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$5,800,000/$5,555,000*
Most recent FY total from state	$5,500,000
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

*These figures include the entire GAL program, which includes GAL attorneys and CASA volunteers.

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.utcourts.gov/specproj/casa/index.asp

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Utah has a paid guardian ad litem staff along with its CASA volunteer program. There are more than 50 guardian ad litem lawyers.

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: N/A

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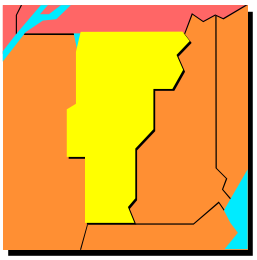

Vermont

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Year state office opened	2001
Structure	State-administered, statewide, direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 4 P/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	Yes
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	1
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	0
Counties served/total counties	14/14
Total children served	750
Total volunteers	284
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	No
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$279,749/$279,749
Most recent FY total from state	$80,000
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	$20,000
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	0
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/GTC/Family/GAL.aspx

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: N/A

Other creative funding strategies: Vermont is a state-administered program that is not permitted to solicit outside funding sources other than grants.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: N/A

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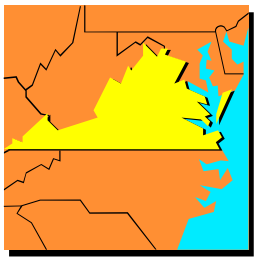

Virginia

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Year state office opened	1992
Structure	State-administered, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 2 P/T
Governance structure	State-administered
Advisory board	Yes
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	27
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	34
Counties served/total counties	70/135
Total children served (statewide)	3,854
Total volunteers (statewide)	1,326
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Programs are regulated by DCJS
Membership dues	No
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$1,872,649/$1,872,649
Most recent FY total from state	$1,596,210
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	$221,439
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$1,612,721
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: http://leg1.state.va.us/

Link to statute: http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+9.1-151 Keep clicking "next" to see the rest of the sections of the CASA code.

Link to state organization webpage:
http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/juvenile/casa/?menuLevel=5&mID=6

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is an executive branch agency of state government. There is a budget process that allows for requests to be made by each agency for specific departments. DCJS can make requests on behalf of CASA through this budget process. Ultimately these requests are sent to the governor for consideration in the budget prepared for the General Assembly to consider. This year, Governor Kaine included a $1 million increase for CASA programs in his budget proposal. The General Assembly cut that to $540,000 during their session.

Other creative funding strategies: DCJS utilizes Children's Justice Act funding to promote and improve the judicial handling of child abuse cases in Virginia through the support of the work of the CASA programs statewide. CJA funds have been used to support training, technical assistance and special projects.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, the state organization participates in:

- Governor's Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect
- Permanency Advisory Group
- Child Welfare Advisory Committee
- Court Improvement Program
- CIP State Advisory Committee
- Best Practice Court Conferences
- Adoption Task Force

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Washington

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Year state office opened	1989
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	5 F/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (9)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	GAL
Number of local programs	35
Number of tribal court programs	2
Remote offices	1
Counties served/total counties	34/39
Total children served	10,070
Total volunteers	2,094
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes ($100)
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$642,000/$699,600
Most recent FY total from state	$306,000
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$30,000
Pass-through funding to local programs	$21,000
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.washingtonstatecasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: N/A

Other creative funding strategies: None.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in: N/A

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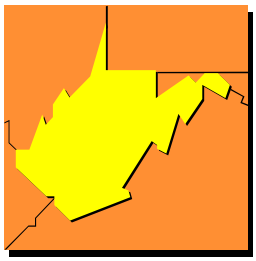

West Virginia

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Year state office opened	1997
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (8)
Advisory board	None
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Court rules
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	14
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	14
Counties served/total counties	31/55
Total children served	1,375
Total volunteers	322
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$141,075/$151,528
Most recent FY total from state	0
Most recent FY from court	$10,000
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	0
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	$6,653
Pass-through funding to local programs	$39,763
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: http://www.state.wv.us/WVSCA/rules/abuse.htm#Rule%2052

Link to statute: None

Link to state organization webpage: http://wvcasa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: Receives no state funding.

Other creative funding strategies: None.

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates in:

- Court Improvement Program Oversight Board
- Court Improvement Program Cross-Training Curriculum Subcommittee
- Court Improvement Program Overlap Committee
- Court Improvement Program MDT Committee
- Court Improvement Program Child and Family Service Review/Program Improvement Plan Committee
- Supreme Court Fatality Review Team
- Survivors with Children Workgroup
- West Virginia Drug Endangered Children's Task Force
- West Virginia Children's Justice Task Force
- Victim Witness Assistance Committee
- Coalition for Safe Families
- Family Advocacy and Support Advisory Board
- West Virginia Foster Caregiving Association
- West Virginia State Victim Assistance Academy Steering Committee
- Multi-Team Advisory Council
- Recruitment and Retention Collaborative

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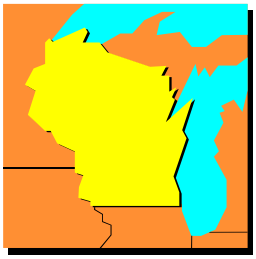

Wisconsin

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Year state office opened	2001
Structure	Nonprofit, no direct service
Number of staff	1 F/T, 1 P/T
Governance structure	Board of directors (10)
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	Statute
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Friend of the court
Number of local programs	7
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	7
Counties served/total counties	10/72
Total children served	427
Total volunteers	258
Affiliation agreement with local programs	Yes
Membership dues	Yes
Statewide conference	Yes
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	$251,605/Not provided
Most recent FY total from state	$141,310
Most recent FY from court	0
Most recent FY VOCA funding	0
Most recent FY CJA funding	$18,450
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	0
Most recent FY United Way funding	0
Most recent FY special event funding	0
Pass-through funding to local programs	$95,804
Funding equation used for pass-through	Yes

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: http://www.wisconsin-casa.org/

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: N/A

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, the state organization participates in: N/A

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Wyoming

There is no state organization in Wyoming.

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Year state office opened	No state association
Structure	N/A
Number of staff	0
Governance structure	N/A
Advisory board	No
Friends of CASA	No
CASA/GAL authority	No
Administer local programs	No
Volunteer status	Lay GAL/friend of the court
Number of local programs	4
Number of tribal court programs	0
Remote offices	1
Counties served/total counties	6/23
Total children served	402
Total volunteers	136
Affiliation agreement with local programs	N/A
Membership dues	N/A
Statewide conference	N/A
Most recent FY expenses/revenue	N/A
Most recent FY total from state	N/A
Most recent FY from court	N/A
Most recent FY VOCA funding	N/A
Most recent FY CJA funding	N/A
Most recent FY Kappa Alpha Theta funding	N/A
Most recent FY United Way funding	N/A
Most recent FY special event funding	N/A
Pass-through funding to local programs	N/A
Funding equation used for pass-through	N/A

Link to court rules: N/A

Link to statute: N/A

Link to state organization webpage: N/A

Description of state office role in state funding process and acquisition: N/A

Other creative funding strategies: N/A

Boards, committees, workgroups, taskforces, state organization participates: The four Wyoming programs created an informal network to share information and training.

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