

Connection Submission Guidelines and Policies

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National CASA's editorial specialist serves as managing editor of *The Connection*, soliciting articles from subject-matter experts and working with them to shape each piece. An editorial team composed of National CASA staff members reviews all articles.

Publication Goals and Audience

The purpose of the magazine is to keep CASA programs, volunteers, donors, child welfare professionals and the public abreast of the latest news and developments affecting our work with abused and neglected children.

Each issue of *The Connection* provides important information that is easily read by a wide audience. Regular features include a cover story on a major topic related to child welfare, tips for volunteers, news from National CASA and member programs, general child welfare news and a spotlight of a local CASA program. Editorials are provided by notable volunteer advocates, youth formerly in care, our CEO and president, leaders at partner child welfare organizations as well as National CASA spokesperson Judge Glenda Hatchett.

Publication Policy

Connection article topics are developed by the magazine's editorial board, consisting of National CASA staff and a representative from a member CASA/GAL program. The following criteria have been adopted by National CASA:

- The editorial team reserves the right to accept or reject any article submitted for *The Connection* and to edit submitted articles as deemed appropriate and necessary.
- The editorial team reserves the right to edit articles for length, clarity, conformance with selected style guides and compatibility with National CASA standards. (See the latest edition of *Standards for Local CASA GAL Programs*, available at CASAforChildren.org.)
- Edited articles are routinely returned to authors for their review. Whenever possible, their wishes for adjustments are followed. However, the managing editor determines final content.