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National CASA Association
Annual Local Program Survey
For Calendar Year 2015: Definitions

CASA/GAL Volunteer (advocate): A person assigned by the court as a CASA/GAL (unpaid) volunteer advocate to a child(ren) who is abused, neglected or abandoned

Case: A case may mean a single child, or a group of siblings designated as one case, assigned to a CASA/GAL volunteer or a paid staff serving in a CASA/GAL volunteer capacity.

Child served: A child with an abuse, neglect or abandonment case that has been assigned a CASA/GAL volunteer advocate or a paid staff member acting in a CASA/GAL volunteer advocate role.

Monitored Case or Monitored Child: A child(ren) or case that is monitored or tracked by a local program, but there is not regular in-person contact with the child(ren). Not all programs monitor children who are not receiving advocacy.

New Children: Children whose cases were newly opened and assigned a CASA/GAL volunteer with the program in the 2015 calendar year. The child may have previously been served by a CASA program and be counted as new as long as a new case has been opened (e.g. new referral from the courts, new dependency case opened, etc.).

New Volunteer: New volunteers trained in 2015 to advocate for a child as a CASA/GAL volunteer due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. This does not include those training but not planning to take CASA cases, nor does this include existing volunteers, board members, office volunteers, or volunteers acting in a capacity other than court advocacy of children.

Paid staff acting in a CASA/GAL volunteer advocate capacity: A paid member of program staff that advocates on a child's behalf; having regular, in-person contact with the child(ren) and making fact-based recommendations to the court on their behalf. This does not include staff acting in a supervisory role to the volunteer on the case, but where the staff member is the sole advocate on the child's case.

Unserved: Children who are before the court due to abuse or neglect who are not assigned an advocate (staff or volunteer). If your program monitors cases, include cases monitored in the unserved number as those children are not receiving court-appointed special advocacy.