

2021 Judicial Survey - Court Appointed Special Advocate Program

Monday, August 30, 2021

**51 judges were identified to
be interviewed**

39 judges participated

76% response rate

Q3: What factors do you take into consideration when assigning cases to the CASA Program? Check all that apply

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
High severity of abuse/neglect	58.97%	23
Number of siblings	43.59%	17
Race/Ethnicity of child	12.82%	5
Complexity of the case	84.62%	33
Other (Please specify)	17.95%	7
Other (please specify)	74.36%	29
Total Respondents: 39		

Q4: In your experience, about what percentage of CASA appointments are made based on referral or request from a third party such as DHS, County Attorney, GAL, parent attorney, etc?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
100% to 75%	33.33%	13
74% to 50%	12.82%	5
49% to 25%	10.26%	4
24% or less	43.59%	17
TOTAL		39

Q5: Would you like more CASA advocates available for you to assign to children?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

I'd like more CASA advocates available to serve my court room

71.79% 28

I have enough CASA advocates to serve my court room

28.21% 11

I have too many available CASA advocates and not enough case to assign to volunteers

0.00% 0

TOTAL

39

Q7: Overall, what is your level of satisfaction with the court reports provided by CASA Advocates?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Satisfied	84.62%	33
Somewhat Satisfied	12.82%	5
Somewhat Unsatisfied	2.56%	1
Very Unsatisfied	0.00%	0
TOTAL		39

Q8: Please rate the following factors in relation to reports provided by CASA Advocates.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	TOTAL
Contain Relevant information	64.10% 25	35.90% 14	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	39
Help me get a detailed understanding of the child's situation to assist in making decisions about the child	79.49% 31	15.38% 6	5.13% 2	0.00% 0	39
Clear and concisely written	61.54% 24	35.90% 14	2.56% 1	0.00% 0	39
Recommendations are supported by the content contained with the report	64.10% 25	33.33% 13	2.56% 1	0.00% 0	39
Indicate the advocate has sufficient in-depth knowledge of the case	71.79% 28	25.64% 10	2.56% 1	0.00% 0	39

Q9: How would you rate the overall quality of the CASA Reports you receive?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Highest quality	56.41%	22
Moderately-high quality	41.03%	16
Moderate quality	2.56%	1
Low quality	0.00%	0
TOTAL		39

Q10: About what percentage of CASA Advocate recommendations do you adopt as you make decisions about the case? (Include those recommendations that are similar to DHS recommendations.)

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
100% to 75%	84.62%	33
74% to 50%	10.26%	4
49% to 25%	2.56%	1
24% or less	2.56%	1
TOTAL		39

Q12: Indicate your level of agreement with these statements:

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
I have a better understanding of what is happening in a case when a CASA Advocate is appointed	66.67% 26	30.77% 12	2.56% 1	0.00% 0	39
CASA Court Reports are filed in EDMS in a timely manner according to my local protocol (e.g. X number of days before the hearing)	76.92% 30	23.08% 9	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	39
The information in the CASA reports meets my expectations	69.23% 27	30.77% 12	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	39
I believe CASA Advocates effectively and professionally speak for the best interest of the child throughout the judicial process.	69.23% 27	30.77% 12	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	39
I have more information on which to base decisions regarding a child's best interest when a CASA Advocate is assigned.	71.79% 28	28.21% 11	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	39
I believe the CASA Program is influential in impacting positive outcomes for children.	69.23% 27	28.21% 11	2.56% 1	0.00% 0	39
Overall, I am satisfied with the CASA program that I work with.	74.36% 29	25.64% 10	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	39

Q13: When children have an Advocate, to what degree are they more or less safe in comparison to children without an Advocate?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Significantly Safer	28.21%	11
Somewhat Safer	53.85%	21
About the same as children without a CASA Advocate	17.95%	7
Somewhat less safe	0.00%	0
Significantly less safe	0.00%	0
TOTAL		39

Q14: Do you perceive children involved in the CASA Program reach permanency:

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Significantly faster than children without a CASA Advocate	7.69%	3
Somewhat faster than children without a CASA Advocate	35.90%	14
About the same as children without a CASA Advocate	56.41%	22
Somewhat slower than children without a CASA Advocate	0.00%	0
Significantly slower than children without a CASA Advocate	0.00%	0
TOTAL		39

Q15: Do you perceive children involved in the CASA Program receive needed services:

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Significantly more often than children without a CASA Advocate	7.69%	3
Somewhat more often than children without a CASA Advocate	66.67%	26
About the same as children without a CASA Advocate	23.08%	9
Somewhat less often than children without a CASA Advocate	2.56%	1
Significantly less often than children without a CASA Advocate	0.00%	0
TOTAL		39

Q16: What do you feel to be the most helpful about the CASA Program (check all that apply)

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Providing court reports with details of the child's life	92.31%	36
Attending court and providing verbal updates	43.59%	17
Having an ongoing relationship with the child	84.62%	33
Providing recommendations to the court	64.10%	25
Communicating with DHS and the Child's Attorney/GAL	61.54%	24
Monitoring the case plan	46.15%	18
Providing children a voice in court	79.49%	31
Total Respondents: 39		

Q17: How do you perceive the CASA Volunteer Advocate's conduct when working with them on a case?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Professional	92.31%	36
Somewhat Professional	7.69%	3
Somewhat Unprofessional	0.00%	0
Very Unprofessional	0.00%	0
TOTAL		39