

Today we have
258 volunteer
advocates who
have donated
more than
12,000 hours to
assist 326
youth.



Currently, there are
approximately 3,000
youth in foster care
within Fresno and
Madera Counties.

We need your help!



Become a
Hero of Hope
for Children
in Foster
Care



Court Appointed Special Advocates

The Voice That Empowers Foster Youth

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CASA
Heroes
of *Hope*
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CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties is a voice for abused and neglected children in our community who are placed in foster care.

Currently, these children face loneliness, health issues, a lack of stability, and are at great risk of falling behind educationally and developmentally.

As adults, they are at greater risk of homelessness, substance abuse, imprisonment, and more.

"We need CASA volunteers to help youth in foster care have a better life and truly change their trajectory. This is what our advocates do. They change the trajectory. Without these Heroes, we know that the statistics are rather grim for our youth."

- **Wilma Tom Hashimoto**
Executive Director
CASA of Fresno and Madera Counties

As a Hero of Hope, you can change these

Statistics!

- Only **30%** of foster youth will graduate high school
- Only **15%** of foster youth will attend college
- Less than **3%** will graduate from college

Six Steps to Become a CASA Hero of Hope



Step 1: Live Info Session

Attend a 1-hour information session. Learn about the role, responsibilities, requirements, and experiences of current volunteers.



Step 2: Apply

Complete an online application.



Step 3: Interview

Attend a 1-hour Zoom meeting. Tell us more about yourself and share why you're interested in volunteering. We ensure the volunteers who work with our kids are there for the right reasons, and we take that very seriously.



Step 4: CASA Academy

Our CASA Academy is a 2-week course that prepares you to be a successful advocate for a child. This consists of in-person and online training.



Step 5: Graduation

Congratulations! You've completed pre-service training and will be sworn in officially as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) by a judge in the dependency system.



Step 6: Meet Your Advocate Coordinator

After graduation, you'll be assigned to an Advocate Coordinator who will work closely with you on your child's case, offer resources, and provide support throughout your CASA service.