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What do CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) do for children in the foster care system?

- Advocate:** Make sure all the child's needs are met, and concerns are heard.
- Report:** Provide the Judge with detailed personal information with which to make decisions. How
- Understand and Support:** How the child is doing- in their home placement, school, with friends, and activities.
- Encourage:** Introduce a child to healthy activities and model problem-solving skills. Encourage a child's
- Empower:** Self-expression- validate their feelings, fears, and beliefs.
- Keep Promises:** Visit regularly and follow up on what is important to and for the child.



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Make connections: Find people who can be positive lifelong connections for the child.

Promote success: Work with teachers, schools, and foster parents for academic success.

A trained CASA volunteer advocate reviews the case information and consults with their Advocate Supervisor as well as the other professionals on the team (social workers, attorneys, foster parents, group homes, therapists) to develop a plan focusing on the priority issues of the child.

Ways to help!

- **Volunteer!** To learn more, call Kathryn at 455-6800 ext 31, or email: kathryn@casaofmonterey.org
- **Donate!** Find out how at: <http://www.casaofmonterey.org/donate/> or call Teresa at 831-455-6800 ext 22
- **Spread the word!** Do you have a group (club, church, business, friends, co-workers, Meet-Up) that would be interested in learning more about CASA? We are happy to provide free info sessions, at your group's convenience. Please contact Kathryn at 831-455-6800, ext 31 to schedule!