



Monthly Newsletter

April, 2025

CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties

Now Hiring a CASA Coach/Supervisor!



Make a difference in a career with CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties.

The Advocate Coach/Supervisor provides professional staff support to CASA Advocates to ensure that children involved with the CASA program receive sound advocacy and early permanency planning. The Advocate Coach/Supervisor is responsible for volunteer supervision, coordination of cases, and participation in volunteer training. Find the job description and employee application at

<https://casabfl.org/us/careers-hiring-social-work-non-profit/>

Help us spread awareness for Child Abuse Prevention in April:



Go Blue on Friday, April 4th in support of **Child Abuse Prevention**. Raise awareness by sharing this post and why you support our CASA Programs mission.



Simply Sweet Cupcakes in Downtown Bastrop will have blue velvet cupcakes available on **Friday, April 4th** in-store or by order. \$1 of every blue velvet cupcake sold will go to benefit CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties.



Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer April, 27th 2025

- How to pray for abused children:
- Pray they are rescued.
- Pray they can be placed in safe, loving homes.
- Pray they remain with siblings.
- Pray they can heal.

Upcoming Events:



SPRINGFEST 2025 in Downtown Bastrop

- Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025
- Time: 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- Location: Fisherman's Park, Downtown Bastrop
- Springfest 2025 is a day of fun, discovery, and connection for kids and families! Hosted by the Children's Advocacy Center and CASA of Bastrop, Lee, and Fayette Counties, this free event celebrates National Child Abuse Prevention Month with exciting activities for all ages.
- What to Expect:
 - - Free inflatables, games, and prizes
 - - Live entertainment and performances
 - - Delicious eats from local food trucks
 - - Crafts and hands-on activities
 - - Touch-a-truck experiences with local first responders
 - - Local first responders and law enforcement games and community challenges

- Stop by the Non-Profit Village to connect with community resources and help kids meet trusted adults in our community. like first responders, medical providers, and Bastrop Independent School District representatives and educators.
- This family-friendly festival in Fisherman's Park is free and open to all ages! Spend a fun-filled spring day enjoying activities and entertainment while supporting important work to ensure the safety, well-being, and bright futures of children in our community.
- We can't wait to see you there!
- For more details, visit Springfest.org.



Next Volunteer Session begins in May '25

CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties endeavors to provide trained volunteer advocates in all abuse and neglect foster care cases assigned by the courts. CASA Volunteers are screened and highly trained, and then appointed by judges to represent and advocate for a child's best interest in the child protection system. To learn more about becoming a CASA Volunteer, please call 512.409.0771 or visit becomeacasa.org.

You can also contact our recruiter/trainer, Rita Coduto at: casabfl.org/volunteer/
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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month!



CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties Focuses on Supporting Families during National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties is raising awareness of the need for more dedicated members of the community to step up and become CASA volunteers, and help end child abuse and neglect, through supporting children and their families. CASA volunteers, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, are everyday people from all walks of life who are recruited and specially trained to advocate for children in foster care and provide a consistent, reliable adult presence for them during a difficult time in their life. "Our volunteers' priority is to keep families together whenever safe and possible," said Kristi Bauer, executive director of CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties. "Foster care is only a temporary solution to the problems at hand. We need to create long-term support networks that work to care for families, make reunification a possibility, and help break the cycle for the next generation."

Locally, CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties served 131 children in the foster care system from the three counties, and the need for more volunteers rises as cases rise. This April, consider stepping up to make a difference by becoming a CASA volunteer.

"We at CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties always hope for the day when CASA, foster care, and a national month dedicated to child abuse prevention are no longer needed because all children are growing up safe, secure and supported with their families," said Bauer. "Until then, we will continue to seek more members of the community to join our growing movement so that we can provide a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one."

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. If you see abuse, report it to 1 (800) 252-5400 or go to www.txabusehotline.org. If a child's life is in danger, call 911. For more information on CASA, visit www.BecomeaCASA.org and/or casabfl.org, or call us at (512)303-2272.