

March, 2025

CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties

Four New CASA Volunteers Joined Our Program!

CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties is pleased to announce the recent appointment of four new volunteers as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)! Judge Benton Eskew completed the swearing in on March, 4th 2025. From left to right, we have Tedi Barner, Cassandra Noboa, Judy Thomas-Johns, and Kim Dugey to congratulate and show our gratitude for their commitments to the CASA cause.







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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Upcoming Events:



Hundreds of CASA advocates from all over the state will be visiting their legislative officials to spread the word about CASA and to raise awareness about challenges facing the child welfare system. This opportunity is for local CASA programs to interact with their legislators at the state Capitol to support Texas CASA's funding and legislative priorities and to amplify CASA's importance as a key participant in the child welfare system.

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Now's your chance to sign up! Volunteers are needed for SPRINGFEST!

Children's Advocacy Center Serving Bastrop, Lee & Fayette Counties and CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties want you to join us in Fisherman's Park on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Visit the link to see where we need you and sign up to help us make this year's SPRINGFEST the best yet!

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. www.springfest.org

March is National Social Work Month!



Social work combines compassion with action. Professionals in the field go through intensive education and training to be able to help improve the wellbeing of their community.

Social work is needed in every community and every area of life, including schools, hospitals, government agencies, social service agencies, sporting institutions, nursing homes, resident centers and more! These professionals approach their work with compassion and guidance to make a positive impact on the lives of those they serve. For CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties, Social Work is intrinsic to our mission. From the experience and skills our CASA Coach Supervisors have to offer our volunteers to our joined efforts with Child Protective Services on cases, the foundation is a passion for social work and making a postiive impact in people's lives.

We're getting a new build for the CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties office!

It's finally happening! CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties is getting a new office building and parking lot at our same location, 507 Water St. Bastrop, TX 78602. Our Executive Director, Kristi Bauer has been determined to make this goal a reality in 2025. Along with our board, Kristi has set the plans in motion with the right architect for the job and a temporary office space for our CASA Program's Staff and Volunteers to continue our mission while we wait for demolition and the new building to be completed.