



Monthly Newsletter

January, 2025

CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties

Happy New Year from all of us at CASA!

Last Year in Review:



Impact Numbers

131 CHILDREN SERVED

- 101 in Bastrop County
- 18 in Fayette County
- 12 in Lee County

54 CHILDREN FOUND PERMANENCY

- 29 Reunified with parents
- 12 Permanent Managing Conservatorship to relative
- 5 Adoption by a relative
- 8 Adoption by a non-relative



CASA Volunteer Advocates

3,872 hours of volunteer service

- 33 volunteers from Bastrop County
- 8 volunteers from Fayette County
- 7 volunteers from Lee County



CASA Moving Ahead - Strategic Planning Goals 2025-2026

- Continue developing a motivated, highly effective and representative Board of Directors.
- Increase the number of highly trained volunteers.
- Increase operating revenue to support growth of volunteers, staff and needed infrastructure.
- Create and sustain the infrastructure needed to support growth: building, staffing, technology and other resources.

Upcoming Events:

Open House
COME & GO

CASA
CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties
FRIDAY, JAN. 17TH 11AM-2PM
507 WATER ST.
BASTROP, TX 78602
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Join us for a toast to 2025!
ENJOY CHAMPAGNE PUNCH & LIGHT BITES
WHEN YOU VISIT OUR OFFICE
AND MEET OUR TEAM.

Join us for a toast to 2025! Come and go as you please between 11AM and 2PM on Friday, Jan. 17th for an open house at CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee Counties.

Enjoy champagne punch & light bites when you visit our office and meet our team.

507 Water St. Bastrop TX 78602

**SMALL MOMENTS CAN
HAVE A BIG IMPACT**

**WE CALL IT
THE CASA EFFECT**

BECOMEACASA.ORG



New Marketing Campaign from Texas CASA is here!

"The new campaign, The CASA Effect, is a play on The Butterfly Effect, a well-known phenomenon that describes how a minor event today might have a major impact at a later time and location. This is a beautiful metaphor to describe the seemingly small, yet ultimately meaningful and memorable impact of a CASA volunteer."

- Vicki Spriggs TX CASA

January is National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month

**BE
AWARE**

Human trafficking does not only look like the typical story the media portrays, a young woman being taken and locked away by a stranger. Instead, traffickers build a rapport with their victims and commonly target the most vulnerable children in our population, including young men and boys. Those who have already faced neglect and abuse, homelessness, have runaway, or youth who have come into contact with social work in one way or another are the most at risk.

The CASA network is made up of our volunteers, staff, and the local programs who support them. This network is an integral part of advocating for youth in the foster care system who have experienced, or are at risk of, child sex trafficking. What these youth need most, are well-trained, connected and informed advocates to offer the specialized support needed to assist in recovery from and/or prevent trafficking. "CASA ACTs is a call to action for the CASA network in Texas. We aim to do more than "see something, say something," and to educate, protect and provide skilled support when youth have been exploited." - Vicki Spriggs, TX CASA, *Advocacy for Youth Affected by Sex Trafficking*

"Research from The University of Texas at Austin reveals that at least 79,000 youth in Texas have been victims of sex trafficking. The same study estimated that 25% of those in foster care are considered at risk for sex trafficking. Other national studies have put that number anywhere from 25% to 90%, which communicates the scale of the problem and need to provide education and intervention for youth in foster care." - Vicki Spriggs, TX CASA, *Advocacy for Youth Affected by Sex Trafficking*

**UT AUSTIN'S
REPORT ON
VICTIMS OF CHILD
SEX TRAFFICKING
IN TEXAS.**