

Dear Prospective CASA Volunteer:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Contra Costa County. CASA welcomes volunteers of all backgrounds and ages over the age of 21. By advocating for abused and neglected children who are in the Juvenile Court System through no fault of their own, a CASA volunteer plays an important role in the lives of these children. Indeed, a CASA may be the one constant adult presence in a child's life.

For the protection of our volunteers and the children they work with, we require a thorough, in-depth screening and interview process. Enclosed is a list of items you should have received with this package, plus a list of items to be completed and returned to CASA **before** your interview can be scheduled. You will also find a page entitled "Do You Have What It Takes To Be A CASA?" which describes the process of becoming a CASA. After all items have been received and reviewed, we will call you to arrange a date and time for your interview.

If, after a successful interview, you are invited to become a CASA, you will be required to attend our mandatory training consisting of at least 30 hours of classroom training over a three to four week period.

Please call our office with any questions at 925-256-7284 or go to our website at www.cccocasa.org.

I appreciate your interest in our organization and look forward to receiving your completed packet.

Sincerely,

Charles Mead
Executive Director