



## Steps to Becoming a CASA Volunteer

The mission of Yamhill County CASA is to speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are under the jurisdiction of the court.

The work we ask of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer is challenging. For that reason, the application process takes time. This gives us the opportunity to get to know you, and in return, it allows you time to evaluate the program.

### How to begin:

1. Contact a Yamhill County CASA staff member or volunteer and discuss the role of a CASA
2. Following your contact, staff will email you a new volunteer packet
3. Complete an application and an Oregon Department of Human Services background check form
4. Once your application is submitted, staff will review your application, conduct reference checks, and schedule an interview with you
5. Meet with the Program Director and Volunteer Supervisor for an interview
6. After your interview, staff will submit the ODHS background check and email you an invitation for the Sterling Volunteers background check
7. Complete a Sterling Volunteers background check



Once these steps are complete and you have been approved, new volunteers are required to complete 30 hours of Pre-Service Training to familiarize yourself with the court and child welfare systems, Casa's role in the process, and the specific needs of abused and neglected children. After Pre-Service Training is complete, you will be sworn in by the presiding judge and will receive your first case.

Please note, if you do not wish to give permission for both a criminal and child welfare background check, no investigation will be done, and your application will not be processed further. Any applicant found to have been convicted of any crime, misdemeanor, or felony, that involved child abuse or neglect, or any related acts that could pose a risk to children, will not be approved for the CASA program.

**Thank you for your interest in advocating for the children in our community!**