

Children's Advocacy Center

TWO PROGRAMS. ONE MISSION.

ABOUT US

CASA for Children and the Texarkana Children's Advocacy Center (TCAC) have provided critical services to children and families impacted by abuse or neglect in Greater Texarkana for over 30 years. While these sister programs vary in service delivery, they share the same mission – hope, healing, and justice.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide hope, healing, and justice to children and families victimized by abuse or neglect.

OUR IMPACT

In 2023, CASA and TCAC served 1,073 children and 633 supportive family members.

OUR PROGRAMS

CASA for Children

CASA for Children (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recruits, trains, and empowers volunteers to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children in foster care. CASA Volunteer Advocates are appointed by a judge to speak up for a child's best interest in court. Many times, a CASA is the only constant on a child's journey through the welfare system.

Texarkana Children's Advocacy Center (TCAC)

The TCAC facilitates a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Response to child abuse investigations and are first responders to most cases of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and violent crime experienced or witnessed by a child. The Center provides forensic services for our MDT partners in law enforcement and child protective services and provides families with critical support and services needed to heal.

DID YOU KNOW



1 in **10** children will be sexually abused



93% of children know their abuser

60% of abused children won't tell anyone

KEY FACTS

- CASA and TCAC are umbrella programs under the registered 501(c)3 nonprofit Northeast Texas CASA, Inc.
- All services provided by CASA and TCAC are free to children and families.
- The goal of a CASA Volunteer is to reunite the child with their family of origin. If this is not possible, CASA volunteers research other family members or family friends that may be able to provide a safe and stable home.
- CASA is in need of volunteers to serve the children in Miller, Little River, Hempstead, Howard, and Lafayette counties.
- The TCAC coordinates a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) comprised of highly-trained child abuse professionals, working in collaboration throughout child abuse investigations to ensure an effective response to reports of child abuse and neglect in our community.
- TCAC's core services are forensic interviews, family advocacy, medical exams, therapy, and community education.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

We rely on funding and other support from the community to fulfill our mission.



Our services are free because of the generosity of our donors. Donate online at www.casacac.org/donate. Learn about other ways to give at www.texarkanacac.org/host-a-drive. VOLUNTEER CASA Volunteers are people just like you who get to know a child in foster care and speak up for their best interest in court. Learn how you can Change a Child's Story today!



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date with our upcoming trainings and events. Like and share our posts to help spread the word!

The pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse prevention. It represents what we want for all

children - a happy, carefree childhood.

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