

April 5, 2024

Good morning, Judge Cooper, Titus County Commissioners, and Guest. Thank you for allowing me to share information about CASA during National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

CASA of Titus, Camp, and Morris Counties is one of 73 CASA programs across the state of Texas that works to ensure all children placed in the foster care system due to abuse and neglect have the safety, stability, and nurturing they need to thrive. We recruit and train members of the community, who are called CASA Volunteers (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to speak up in court for the best interests of children to ensure that they are placed in a safe, permanent, and stable home as quickly as possible.

A District Judge in your county may appoint a specially trained CASA Volunteer and an attorney to be the Guardian Ad Litem for a child or sibling group in a CPS case. Each time a Specially Trained Volunteer is appointed to a case it saves Titus County taxpayers money.

1 year of CASA advocacy costs less than 1 month of foster care.

CASA of Titus, Camp, and Morris Counties has served children in Titus County for ten years since it began accepting cases on October 1, 2013.

CASA's contribution to Titus County in 2022

2023

- 762 Staff hours served children in Titus County
- 517 volunteer hours served children in Titus County
- 4,545 miles traveled by a CASA Volunteer to visit Titus County Children in Foster Care
- 82 abused and neglected children in Titus, Camp, and Morris Counties
- 32 abused and neglected children served in Titus County
- 13 children's cases were closed in Titus County
 - 4 children reunified with their parents
 - 2 children were adopted
 - 7 children were placed with a Legal Guardian

Out of 100% of children being served in three counties

- 12% of Titus County children in care were ages 5 years and younger.
- 13% of Titus County children in care were ages 6 to 11 years.
- 7% of Titus County children in care were ages 12 to 18 years.
- 32 Volunteers served 70 children in Titus, Camp, and Morris Counties
- 12 Children were served by staff. CASA of Titus, Camp, and Morris Counties serves 100% of Children that come into care in Titus, Camp and Morris Counties. We need volunteers, people in our community to serve all the children that CASA of Titus, Camp, and Morris Counties is appointed to.

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