

Expansion of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program in Iowa

NEW CASA COUNTIES

Adams
Audubon
Boone
Calhoun
Carroll
Clayton
Dickinson
Emmet
Fayette
Franklin
Greene
Guthrie
Howard
Humboldt
Iowa
Jasper
Kossuth
Montgomery
Monroe
O'Brien
Osceola
Page
Palo Alto
Pocahontas
Ringgold
Sac
Taylor
Wayne
Webster
Winneshiek
Wright

The CASA program of the Iowa Child Advocacy Board recruits, trains and supports volunteers whose sole duty is to protect the best interests of children in Iowa's child welfare system. In Iowa the CASA program started in 1986 as a pilot project in 2 counties. The program has grown gradually and was in 68 counties in 2006. Through the 2007 Acts of the Iowa General Assembly, new funding was appropriated to the Child Advocacy Board to expand the CASA program into Iowa's remaining 31 counties.

Expansion Activities:

- 8 new ICAB full- and part-time positions created
- Existing ICAB service areas and staff assignments reconfigured
- Staff recruitment, screening and interviewing accomplished:
 - 1st new hire on Aug 23rd
 - 2nd new hire on Sept 7th
 - 3rd new hire on Oct 5th
 - 4th new hire on Oct 5th
 - 5th new hire on Nov 16th
 - 6th new hire on Nov 26th
 - 7th new hire on Jan 11th
 - 8th new hire offer/acceptance pending
- Providing orientation and training to new staff
- Establishing home office capacities and Fort Dodge Office
- Informing system officials of CASA program activities and establishing connections and protocols with:
 - Juvenile Court Judges, Clerks of Court, other Court offices
 - DHS workers, supervisors and support staff
 - County Attorneys
 - Public defender offices, other attorneys, service providers, others
- Start-up of ongoing volunteer recruitment work
 - Newspaper ads and articles
 - Flyers and contacts with businesses, churches, other
 - Presentations to community organizations
 - Development of referral contacts and networks
 - Open House/Meet the CASA Program events
 - Other
- New volunteer interviewing, screening, training and support of case assignments now underway

Iowa CASA Contacts (01/14/08)

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**Note: new hire forthcoming

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