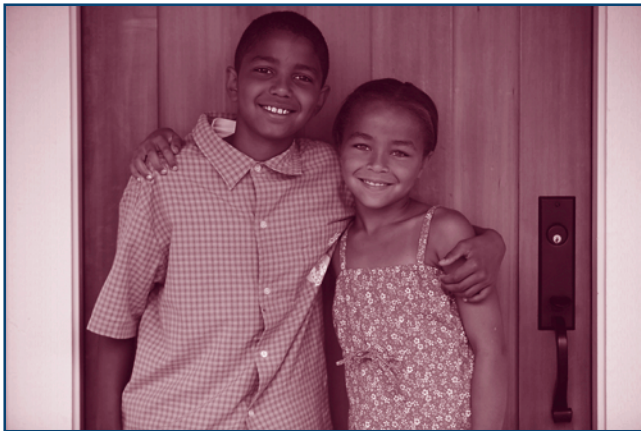


## Did You Know...

- Over 1000 children in Broome and Tioga Counties receive family services at the Department of Social Services.
- 35% of those children are placed in some level of out of home care.
- Children with a CASA Volunteer spend 20% less time in care than children without a CASA.
- Reducing the amount of time in care saves the taxpayers thousands of dollars a year.



*"As a judge, I needed help. I dared to dream that abused children languishing in foster care could get special help for a new life. Voices for Children has given hundreds of hurting children coming through my Court the opportunity to flourish and realize life's potential. Each advocate is truly a guardian angel for a child, and I need the help each provides."*

- Herbert B. Ray,  
Family Court Judge

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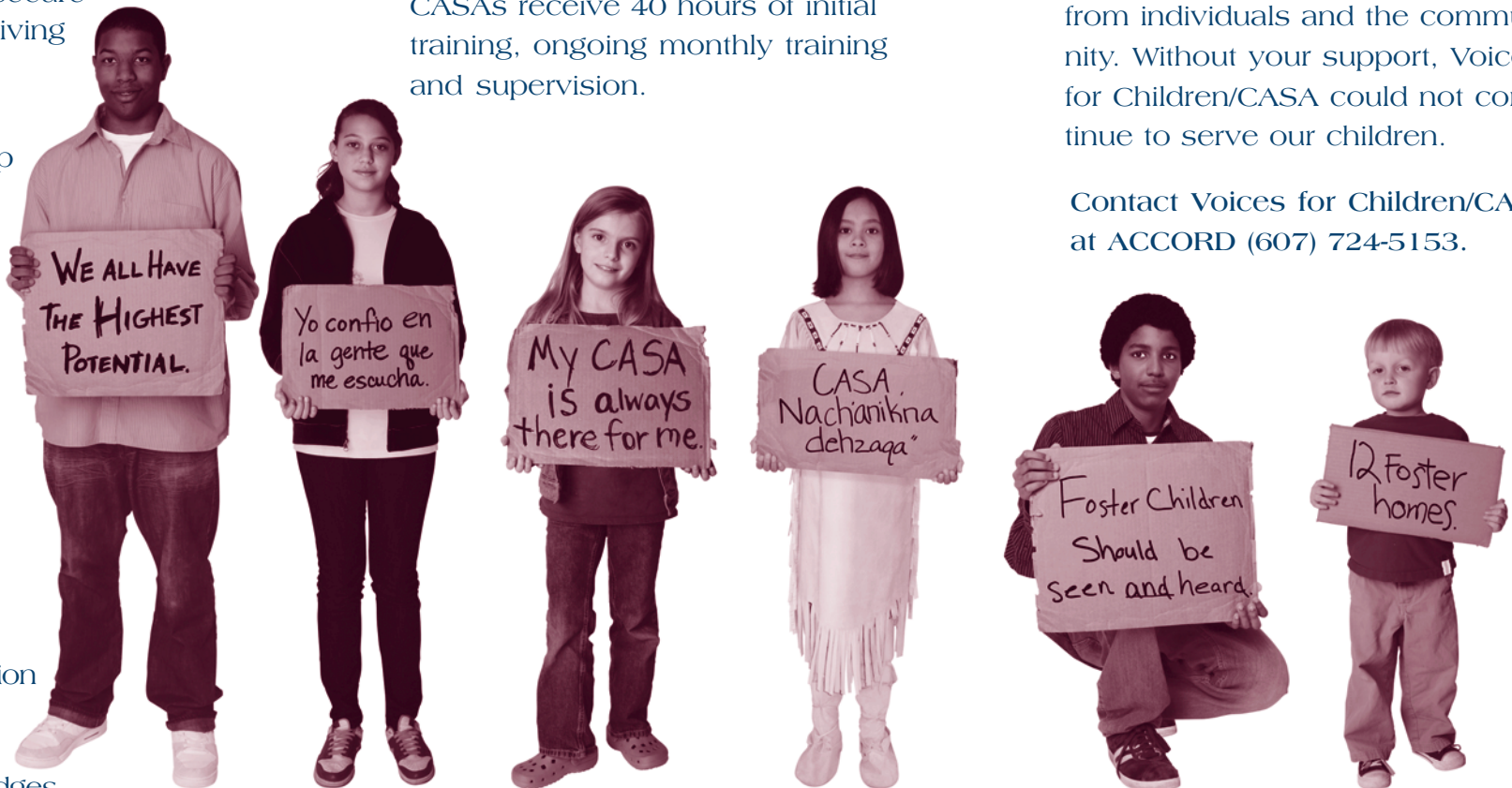
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# What is Voices for Children/CASA?

Voices for Children/Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) uses trained volunteers in our community to advocate for services and safe, stable living environments for children who have been alleged to be abused or neglected.

## Volunteers

- Help children secure a safe, stable living environment.
- Advocate for services to help our children reach their full potential emotionally, mentally, and physically.
- Give special attention to each child's unique and individual needs.
- Gather information for reports that are provided to Family Court judges.



# What it Takes to Be a CASA Volunteer:

1. Commitment
2. Objectivity
3. Responsibility
4. Communication Skills
5. Flexibility

CASA volunteers come from all cultures, ethnicities, professions and educational backgrounds. CASAs receive 40 hours of initial training, ongoing monthly training and supervision.

# What Can You Do to Help?

## Volunteer

- By becoming a Voices for Children/CASA volunteer, you can take an active role in changing a child's life, one child at a time.

## Donate

- As part of a non-profit agency, Voices for Children/CASA depends heavily on financial contributions from individuals and the community. Without your support, Voices for Children/CASA could not continue to serve our children.

Contact Voices for Children/CASA at ACCORD (607) 724-5153.