

CRAWFORD COUNTY CASA VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

(Please Print)

Name/Nickname

Street Address or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

How long have you lived at this address? _____

Home/Cell Phone Numbers _____

Work Phone Number _____

E-mail address: _____

Previous Address _____

How long did you live at this address? _____

Are you employed: ___ Yes ___ No If Yes: ___ Full-time ___ Part-time

Employer

Position

May we call you at work? ___ Yes ___ No

Brief Description of work: _____

Social Security Number ___ - ___ - _____

Birth Date: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Please notify in case of emergency: _____

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Education: (Highest completed)

High School: ___9___10___11___12 College: ___1___2___3___4 Post Graduate: _____
(Number of years)

Major

Degree(s)

Do you speak a foreign language? ___Yes___No If Yes, which language? _____

Do you drive a vehicle and have regular access to it? ___Yes___No

Describe your health status: _____

List current community activities in which you are involved:

List current and previous volunteer experiences: _____

As a CASA volunteer you will be required to attend Court hearings for the children you represent. Will you be able to arrange your schedule to attend these hearings? ___Yes___No

What are your reasons for wanting to participate as a CASA volunteer? _____

Do you have any training or experience in any of the following:

Child Welfare Medicaid Foster Care Court System
 Mental Health Counseling Substance Abuse Law Enforcement

Other Agencies offering services to a child? If so, please explain: _____

How did you learn of our CASA program? _____

Are you prepared to complete 30 hours of pre-service training and a minimum of 12 hours per year of in-service training? Yes No

PERSONAL REFERENCES: (Do not list relatives. At least one reference must be from someone other than a friend or co-worker. For example: teacher, therapist, or employer if this person knows you well.) If you are currently working, either paid or as a volunteer, please include the name of your supervisor. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

1. Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

2. Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

3. Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Do you consent to a routine check of your criminal records? ____ Yes ____ No

Note: Any applicant found to have been convicted of, or having charges pending for a felony or misdemeanor involving a sex offense, child abuse or neglect or related acts that would pose risk to children or the CASA Program's credibility is not accepted as a CASA volunteer.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a traffic violation? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, on what charge? _____ Date convicted: _____

Where: _____

Can you think of any reason why a judge might be reluctant for you to serve as a CASA volunteer?

Crawford County CASA reserves the right to make any checks deemed appropriate as to the suitability of anyone responsible for this confidential work. All information obtained will be held in the strictest confidence.

I here affirm that all the answers I have provided are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

VOLUNTEER INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. 1-2 year commitment? Travel regularly to outlying counties or to other parts of the state if necessary?
Daytime flexibility? Make all training sessions?
2. How did you hear about the CASA program?
3. What do you hope to accomplish by volunteering with the CASA program?
4. Tell me about some experience you've had with children.
5. All of the cases we received are from the Court. This means that abuse and/or neglect has been substantiated and that the parents are not cooperating with services, so the coercive intervention of the Court is needed. As a CASA you will be interacting with the parents. What is your opinion about parents who abuse or neglect their children?
6. Have you thought about what types of feelings this may evoke in you when you interview or interact with the parents you know have harmed their children?
7. How do you handle conflicts/negotiation in general? Please provide an example of a recent experience you have had when you have need to use your skills in this area.
8. How do you think you will handle disagreements with parents?
9. What would you do if your recommendation on a case were different than that of the DCS case manager?

10. The Indiana Statute mandates that children be returned home once the home has met “minimal standards.” Have you thought about your reaction if the Court ordered a child returned home after having been abused and the home not having met your *personal* “minimal standards?”
11. How do you define family?
12. What experience do you have working with people whose background is different from your own (e.g. race/ethnicity, economic background, religion, sexual orientation)?
13. Would you have any problems working with any of these populations? If so, which ones and why?

If you were assigned a child with a different cultural background than yours, how would you approach the case?

14. How do you handle stress? What do you do for stress relief?
15. Although you will collaborate closely with a case supervisor throughout your CASA work, it is a volunteer position that requires the ability to be self-motivated and work independently. Do you consider yourself to be self-motivated? If “yes”, please provide an example.
16. Describe your work style and the type of supervision that works best for you.
17. A number of our cases involve children who have been molested. Identify any concerns you might have representing a sexually abused child. (*Any concerns interviewing the parents—perpetrator or non-offending parent?*)

18. Have you had any experience with child abuse/neglect yourself, in your immediate family, or with others you are particularly close to?