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Address: 101 East Columbia Street Springfield, Ohio 45502

Hours of operation: Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Phone number: 937-521-1600

Website: clarkohiojuvcourt.us.

Population served: youth from 10 years old – 18 years old and families

Judicial officers: Judge Katrina Lancaster, Magistrate Nichol Smith
(Court Administrator), Magistrate Brandin Marlow

Dockets: Abuse, Neglect and Dependency, Truancy/Contributing,
Traffic, Civil Protection Orders, Delinquency, Custody, Visitation, Youth
Treatment Court, Family Treatment Court, Peace, and Step

We will have handouts of information about all of the programs at
Juvenile Court.

Organization: Clark County CASA/GAL Program

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CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. A CASA volunteer is a trained community member who is appointed by the judge to serve as guardian ad litem under the Ohio Revised Code 2151.281. Under this statute the volunteer must advocate for the best interest of the child in abuse and neglect cases.

CASA Volunteers research the child's circumstances, determine relevant facts in the child's case and report this information to the court. Their work helps to support the court's decision concerning the child's future. A CASA Volunteer focuses their recommendations and actions to ensure the best interests of the child are being met---these recommendations need to be fact based recommendations and object. CASA Volunteers monitor cases, keep the court informed on progress, advocate for services if they are needed, and must make recommendations on whether or not a child should stay or be reunited with his or her biological parents, be placed in foster care, or placed with kinship. A CASA volunteer is the voice for the child.

Qualifications:

To become a CASA Volunteer an individual must be 21 years of age, pass a background check, complete 30 hours of pre-service training, along with 12 hours of continuing educational training annually after their first year.

Who We Serve:

Clark County CASA/GAL Program serves any child involved in abuse, neglect, or dependency proceeding pending in the juvenile court.