

# Social Services

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## Juvenile Court

<b>Company Name</b>	Clark County CASA/ GAL Program
<b>Address</b>	101 E Columbia St Springfield, OH 45502
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<b>Website</b>	clarkohiojuvcourt.us.
<b>Hours</b>	8 am - 4:30 pm Monday-Friday

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 most advocate for the nest 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 objective. CASA Volunteers monitor cases, keep the court informed on progress, advocate for services if they are needed, and must make recommendations about whether or not a child 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.



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