



CASA Volunteer Commitment

Upon signing this statement, I _____, am making a commitment to CASA of Trinity Valley and to the children I will serve as a CASA volunteer.

I will:

1. Serve at least one child, from the time of the court assignment through to the implementation of a permanent plan for the child a period of twelve (12) months.
2. Give all the time necessary to provide the Court with the information necessary to make an informed decision for the child and to assure that the child receives adequate representation as to his or her best interests. The time required could be anywhere from six to one hundred hours, including field visits, telephoning, report writing, court appearances, and training/supervision.
3. Maintain strict confidentiality. To maintain confidentiality the CASA volunteer"
 - a. Does not discuss the specifics of his/her child's case with spouse, children, friends, or others.
 - b. May only discuss his/her child's case with a CASA staff or persons who are a party to the case.
4. Uphold CASA of Trinity Valley's transportation policy. It is not permissible for the CASA volunteer to invite and/or receive clients into his/her home.
5. Attend three CASA in-service trainings per year because these sessions will:
 - a. Improve my ability to deal with abused children and their families.
 - b. Increase my knowledge about family violence, child abuse, and other closely related topics.
6. Contact my supervisor by phone either weekly or bi-weekly to inform him/her of my children's status and to review my casework goals.
7. Record all statistical data and turn in Volunteer hours and miles to the CASA office by the fifth (5) day of each month.
8. Turn in court reports in a legible form and on time.
9. Attend all court hearings, PPT's, ARD's, and staff meetings and other meetings regarding my assigned child.
10. Dress in an appropriate, professional manner while representing CASA of Trinity Valley.
11. Notify my CASA supervisor or CASA Executive Director immediately if I cannot perform the above commitments.

CASA of Trinity Valley makes a commitment to:

1. Provide ongoing training, supervision, and help in evaluating my work.
2. Provide professional consultation and necessary support in order to promote appropriate intervention, into the child/children with whom I will work. I fully understand that failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in my termination from the volunteer staff of CASA of Trinity Valley.

CASA Volunteer

Date