

# BECOME A COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE!

### What's CASA for Douglas County, and what is a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)?

CASA for Douglas County's mission is training, empowering, and inspiring volunteer advocates to improve the lives of abused and neglected children.

For over 25 years, CASA volunteers have a real impact in our community. On average, kids who have a CASA spend 8 months less in foster care than those without a CASA. Our program succeeds because of compassionate, dedicated volunteer advocates like you!

No special background or education is required to become a CASA volunteer! We encourage people from all cultures, professions, ethnicities and educational backgrounds to become a CASA. Visit casaomaha.org to apply!



#### CASA VOLUNTEERS:

- Commit to at least two years of advocacy
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Participate in an in-depth training program
- Pass background checks
- Are at least 21 years old

## 2024 TRAINING SCHEDULE

#### February Session (Zoom) Apply by: January 20th

- Saturday, February 3rd March 2nd (9:00 am-12 pm)
- Swearing In: March 7th (5:30-6:30 pm)

#### March Sessions (Hybrid) Apply by: March 5th

- Zoom: Tuesday, March 19th April 16th (5:30-8:30 pm)
- In Person: Thursday, March 21st April 16th (1:00 4:00pm)
- Swearing In: April 18th (5:30-6:30 pm)

#### May Session (In Person) Apply by: April 24th

- Wednesday, May 8th June 5th (5:30-8:30 pm)
- Swearing In: June 13th (5:30-6:30 pm)

#### June Session (In Person) Apply by: June 11th

- Tuesday, June 25th July 23rd (5:30-8:30 pm)
- Swearing In: July 25th (5:30-6:30 pm)

#### September Session (In Person) Apply by: August 20th

- Tuesday, September 3rd October 1st (5:30-8:30 pm)
- Thursday, September 5th October 1st (1:00-4:00 pm)
- Swearing In: October 3rd (5:30-6:30 pm)

#### October Session (In Person) Apply by: October 5th

- Saturday, October 19th November 16th (9:00 am-12:00 pm)
- Swearing In: November 21st (5:30-6:30 pm)



