



COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER & EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

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Today's Date: _____

Please acknowledge the following:

- _____ I understand that prospective advocates are required to complete 40 hours of initial training.
- _____ I understand that Court Appointed Special Advocates are required to participate in 12 hours of ongoing training yearly.
- _____ I understand that Court Appointed Special Advocates appear in court to represent the best interest of the child.

_____ I am transferring from another CASA program and I understand I must complete the full application and screening process of CASA of Curry County.

Name (print): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Address (if different): _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How long have you lived in Oregon? _____ Marital status: _____

In what other states have you lived? _____

Day Telephone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Name _____ Phone Number _____

Educational Background:

- GED
- High School Graduate
- Trade School
- AA Degree
- Bachelors Degree
- Post Graduate
- Masters Degree
- Doctoral Degree

Area of Specialized Training: _____

Ages of children and others in your home: _____

Current agency and/or board affiliations: _____

Previous agency and/or board affiliations: _____

How did you hear about CASA of Curry County? _____

Volunteer Preferences:

1. Gender preference when working with children: No Preference ___ Male ___ Female ___
2. Number of children in family you would prefer to work with:
Single child ___ Sibling group ___ either ___
3. Age of children preferred: Any ___ Birth to 5 ___ 6 to 11 ___ 12 to 18 ___
4. Geographic area you prefer: _____
5. Type of abuse case you prefer NOI to work with:
Sex ___ Physical ___ Emotional ___ Neglect ___ Abandonment ___
6. Type of disability you prefer NOI to work with:

Reactive attachment disorder ___ None ___ Mentally Delayed ___
Psychological ___ Hearing ___ Mobility ___ Other: _____

Volunteer Background:

Have you experienced any type of abuse either as a child or as an adult? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime? If so, please check which apply:

- Active Warrants
- Restraining Orders
- Sex Offender Registration
- Any Felony conviction; Example: Driving while under the influence (DUII)
- Any Misdemeanor convictions
- Any Sex Offense convictions
- Any controlled substance convictions

Have you ever been adjudicated as a juvenile of a sexual offense? ___ Yes ___ No

If you have checked any of the above, please explain below or on an additional sheet of paper. This is not necessarily a barrier to becoming a CASA volunteer but would need to be considered as it relates to the volunteer position for which you are applying.

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 risks to children or the CASA program's credibility will not be accepted as an employee or as a volunteer.

Have you or your family ever been involved with the Oregon State Office of Child Welfare Program (CWP is a division of the Department of Human Services) or the child welfare agency of another state as an employee, volunteer or client? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you or your family ever been placed under informal supervision with any children's social services agency, i.e. Child Protective Services? _____ Yes _____ No

If so please explain (if an applicant is found to have or provides information about having voluntary case history at CWP, CASA will deny your application. If you want to pursue your application, you must provide to CASA the intake social history/risk assessment and the closing narrative which will indicate the results of those voluntary services. If the applicant has sought help and successfully utilized that to help remedy a situation not to be considered the result of abuse or neglect by the applicant or applicant's family, CASA will consider the information contained in these narratives to decide whether to proceed toward CASA certification):

Please list previous and/or current experience working with children:

What do you feel are the most important experiences for children in early childhood?

Please list previous and/or current volunteer experience:

Do you belong to a group that takes a stance on parents' rights and/or children's rights, birth issues, etc? If so, please list:

Are you taking anything that might impair your ability to be alert? _____ Yes _____ No
If Yes, please describe:

Hobbies/Skills/Special interests:

Other languages spoken: _____

List any memberships, licenses or certifications you hold:

Employment Information (previous 20 years – please use additional pages if needed):

1. Current/Most Recent Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Nature of work (include a description of your duties):

From when to when: _____ to _____ Phone: _____

2. Previous Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Nature of work (include a description of your duties):

From when to when: _____ to _____ Phone: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? _____ Yes _____ N

References:

Please list four references, the references must be from persons unrelated to you. Preferred references needed: One personal (someone who is not related to you); two professional; and one volunteer reference, if you have volunteered for other organizations.

1) Personal: Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

2) Professional: Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

3) Professional: Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

4) Volunteer: Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship: _____

Please attach any additional information you wish to submit.

I UNDERSTAND BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION I AM AUTHORIZING INQUIRIES TO BE MADE CONCERNING MY SUITABILITY AS A CASA VOLUNTEER.

I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF AN INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES UNTRUTHFUL OR MISLEADING ANSWERS, MY VOLUNTEER APPLICATION MAY BE REJECTED OR MY VOLUNTEER POSITION TERMINATED.

_____ (please initial) I have read and understand the enclosed volunteer job description and understand the program's expectations of volunteers.

_____ (please initial) I consent to the CASA of Curry County program verifying my background by checking references and running a criminal and driving history check.

_____ (please initial) I further understand that my participation in the training and/or interviewing process does not commit the Court to appointing me to the CASA program.

Signature _____

Date _____

*A volunteer applicant is required to sign a release of information form or submit the required information for any of the checks required including the required online Verified Volunteers Background Check form (which checks social security number verification, Curry County criminal records check, Oregon criminal records, FBI or other National Criminal Database, and the National Sex Offender Registry as well as pending 50 state DOJ sex offender search), and fill out the required Notice of Abuse History form for the Child Abuse Registry Check or Child Protective Services Check, where permissible by law. If these are not agreed to then the CASA program will reject the application.

Equal Employment Opportunity

CASA of Curry County will provide equal employment opportunity without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, ancestry, political belief or activity, or status as a veteran.

The policy applies to all areas of paid and unpaid employment, including recruitment, hiring, training and development, promotion, termination, layoff, compensation benefits, social and recreational programs, and all other conditions and privileges of employment in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

1) Will you be able to fulfill a commitment to remain active on each case that you accept assignment to throughout the entire court involvement (minimum 24-36 months)?

_____ Yes _____ No

1) As a CASA volunteer you will be required to attend court hearings for the children you represent. These are scheduled between 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday. Will you be available to attend most of these when given notice several weeks ahead of the scheduled hearing or trial?

_____ Yes _____ No

2) Do you see yourself being away for more than 2 months at a time during your activity as a CASA?

Yes _____ No _____ Unsure _____

Please return all pages to: CASA of Curry County, PO Box 4144, Brookings, OR 97415