

Our Relationship with Texas and National CASA

Texas CASA

- Both of our large grants (VOCA and CVC) are funneled through Texas State CASA. Texas CASA receives the grants and distributes to local programs according to formulas Texas CASA develops and publishes. The formulas are based on number of volunteers, growth projections, and meeting the previous year's goals. Texas CASA has staff who administer the grants, and we report back through Texas CASA to receive grant funding monthly.
- Periodically Texas CASA has additional small grants for which we can apply, generally for specific purposes such as technology or our 5k run fundraiser.
- Texas CASA publishes "standards" with which we must comply to retain our CASA membership. Texas CASA audits our program periodically, either onsite or by electronic submission of records, depending on the success of our previous audit.
- Texas CASA has staff and provides significant resources and training for us in the areas of program management, development, communications, board training and administration. Texas CASA has a yearly training/networking conference for CASA staff and volunteers. They also produce webinars we can use for Advocate and staff training.
- Texas CASA has a Director of Public Policy and Research, and is very active in working with the legislature to change public policy on issues related to child abuse and neglect and the state foster care system.
- We pay \$527 annually to maintain our association with Texas CASA. Our relationship with Texas CASA is important to us because of the grants, and the training and support they provide for us.

National CASA

- National CASA periodically has grants for which we can apply.
- The primary resources we receive from National CASA are an annual national conference, and communication resources which we can customize (to some extent) for our local program.
- National CASA does provide training materials and training resources for us.
- National CASA has a website which funnels local requests for volunteering information to our local program. Many of our leads for volunteers come through the national CASA website.
- We pay \$100 annually to maintain our association with National CASA.