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## **Ensuring Every Child Has a Voice**

### *The Impact of CASA of Arizona and the Foster Care Review Board*

**PHOENIX** — Across Arizona, children in foster care had a voice in 2025 thanks to the dedication of volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Foster Care Review Board (FCRB). Throughout the year, CASA volunteers advocated for more than 1,200 children, while the FCRB completed case reviews of children in foster care across all 15 Arizona counties. Today, approximately 8,000 children remain in Arizona’s foster care system.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are trained volunteers who serve as a consistent, caring adult presence for children in foster care, advocating for each child’s best interests. CASA volunteers gather information, monitor progress, and submit reports to the court to help inform decisions about a child’s safety, well-being, and permanency.

Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) volunteers review cases one weekday each month through virtual meetings. They provide findings and recommendations to the court to help ensure decisions are made in the best interest of the child.

“There’s no substitute for a caring adult willing to show up,” said Charlie Gray, State Program Manager for CASA. “Our volunteers are making a powerful difference in how children experience the foster care system.”

### **2025 Highlights**

- 433 new volunteers completed training statewide to serve with CASA and the FCRB.
- CASA programs deepened collaborations with courts, service providers, and community partners to support children in achieving permanency.
- The third annual Fall Volunteer Campaign empowered current volunteers to help recruit others with 45% of new CASA applicants learning about the program through word of mouth.
- Cross-agency collaborations and expanded outreach increased public awareness of the needs of children in foster care and the ongoing need for advocates.

### **Looking Ahead to 2026**

As CASA and FCRB enter 2026, the focus remains on ensuring every child has an advocate. Arizona continues to need dedicated volunteers to serve as CASA volunteers or FCRB members across all 15 counties statewide.

“We are moving into 2026 with hope and momentum,” said Gray. “Our goal is simple, to make sure every child has someone in their corner.”

Another way to support children in foster care is to open your home as a foster parent. Fostering offers a meaningful opportunity to provide care, stability, and support to a child in need of a safe environment.

### **Learn More**

To learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer visit, [www.AZCASAVolunteer.org](http://www.AZCASAVolunteer.org)

To learn more about becoming a FCRB volunteer visit, [www.azfcrb.org](http://www.azfcrb.org)

To learn more about becoming a Foster Parent visit, [dcs.az.gov/foster/learnmore](http://dcs.az.gov/foster/learnmore)

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### **About CASA of Arizona and the Foster Care Review Board**

*Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Arizona and the Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) operate in all 15 Arizona and recruit and train volunteers year-round to advocate for children in the state’s foster care system. Both programs are administered by the Arizona Supreme Court. Follow CASA of Arizona on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).*