



## Arizona CASA Court Report Template

**Court Hearing Date:** \*\*

**Date Report Submitted:** \*\*

**CASA:** \*\*

**County:** \*\*

**JD No:** \*\*

**Child(ren)'s Name:**

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**Age:**

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**#/Placements:**

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**Contact Hours:**

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### Brief History

**CHILD:** In this section you will outline what events brought the child(ren) into the care of the Department of Child Safety (DCS). Discuss the facts involved in bringing the family to the attention of DCS and ultimately to court. You will use the allegations found in the Dependency Petition and Report to the Court for the Preliminary Protective Hearing and/or Initial Dependency Hearing. This section is a brief section written in paragraph form.

**CASA:** Complete the sentence below

This CASA was appointed \*\* and has donated a total of \*\* hours. Your county may also want you to put the number of miles driven for the case- talk to your coordinator about this.

### Assessments

- Discuss Placement – where the child is currently living? What does placement report about the child in their home? What does the child say about living there? What do you observe of the child in that setting?
- Discuss Parenting Time/ Visitation – child's visits with parents, siblings (as appropriate), family, and other significant relationships. Is there anything reported from the visitation supervisor? What does the child report about the visits? Or what do others on the case say about the visits?
- Discuss Services – What services are being offered to the parents? What services are being offered to the child? Are they participating? What is being reported from the service provider or the participant?
- Discuss the child's Physical & Social Development – Provide updates from medical providers; Are they meeting their milestones? Discuss their behaviors - How do they get along with other children?

- Discuss Education or Daycare – How is the child doing in school (academically and socially/behaviorally)? What do the teachers report? What marks did the child get on the latest report card? Do they have any special education needs or gifted child needs?
- Child’s wishes (what does the child report wanting in the case)
- CASA Activities (list the meetings and activities the CASA has attended)

This section will be in narrative form and will be the longest section of your court report.

## Reasonable Efforts

### CASE PLAN:

The case plan goal is (remain with family, family reunification, adoption, guardianship, or APPLA).

### REASONABLE EFFORTS: Complete the sentence below

The CASA recommends based on the following:

\* List services and other efforts made by DCS towards the case plan goal

- \*
- \*
- \*
- \*

That the Court find Reasonable Efforts have been made or have not been made by the Department.

## Advocate’s Opinions and/or Concerns

In this section you can discuss your opinions and concerns as they relate to the facts stated in the assessment section. It is important to discuss positive opinions as well as negative concerns.

**STRENGTHS:** write the strengths identified in the case

## Advocate's Recommendations

This CASA respectfully makes the following recommendations to the court:

Your recommendations need to also be supported by facts outlined in the Assessment section as well as identified through your opinions and concerns. Answer the following 3 questions:

- #1 - Should the child remain a ward of the court?
- #2 - Should the child remain at current placement?
- #3 – Should the case plan remain the same or change?

Also consider what you might recommend in terms of:

- Services for the parents and/or child (mental health, social/emotional/cultural needs, educational/developmental needs, treatments services, etc..)
- Parenting Time/Visitation

## Resources

This section will outline who you have talked to since the last court report. Typically, you would include the child, the DCS caseworker, any therapist or teachers who have provided information, the placement for the child as well as anyone else who gave you information about the child. It is helpful to include the name of the individual and their relationship to the child as well as any credentials if you know them. Foster parents and school personnel can be identified by their role and their name can be kept confidential. This section should be in list form.

## Records Reviewed Since the Last Report

This section you will outline what documents you reviewed since the last court report. This section will also be in list form.

Respectfully Submitted,

CASA's Name

Court Appointed Special Advocate