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Court Appointed Special Advocates  
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# 2010 Indiana GAL/CASA Progress Report

Volunteers Serving  
Abused and Neglected  
Children in Indiana



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GAL/CASA...Speaking Up for  
Abused and Neglected Children

Volunteers Making a  
Difference

## GAL/CASA In Indiana

GAL– Guardian Ad Litem  
CASA– Court Appointed Special Advocate

GAL/CASA volunteers are trained and supervised community members who advocate, or speak on behalf of, abused and neglected children in court.

Indiana law requires a GAL/CASA for every child in every abuse and neglect case.

Your support is needed for Indiana's abused and neglected children. Legislators can help by being aware of and supporting the CASA volunteer programs across the state of Indiana. Community members can help by volunteering, or by donating time or money to programs that provide these children a voice in court.



### In Indiana in 2010...

- 3,268 trained volunteers from 70 counties advocated for 18,613 children involved in the court system due to abuse and neglect.
- While this has made a huge impact, over 3,000 children were still waiting for someone to speak up for them at the end of 2010.

Advocacy in Action

The Voice of a  
Child in Court

## 2010 Progress Report

- 70 counties in Indiana had certified GAL/CASA programs and received matching grants from the Indiana Supreme Court.
- 3,268 GAL/CASA volunteers advocated for abused and neglected children.
- GAL/CASA programs across the state recruited and trained 1,010 new volunteers.
- GAL/CASA volunteers provided a voice for 18,613 children in abuse/neglect cases, and for 2,568 children in termination of parental rights cases.
- Volunteers donated 508,423 hours advocating for Indiana's children, thereby saving the State of Indiana at least \$25,500,000.
- There are still over 3,000 children waiting for a volunteer to guide them through foster care, and advocate for their best interests in court.



Please help us continue to help them...