

# ANNUAL IMPACT 2024



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

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**CASA OF FLOYD COUNTY**

# OUR MISSION

CASA of Floyd County empowers community members to advocate for abused and neglected children.

# OUR VISION

We envision ending the cycle of childhood abuse and neglect by building resiliency in all Floyd County children.



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# BECAUSE OF **YOU** WE ARE CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES



As we reflect on all the changes and work of CASA this past year, there is much to be proud of. Our CASA volunteers and staff have continued to provide quality advocacy for youth navigating the child welfare system in Floyd County. Time and again, we see how CASAs are the crucial link between the court, service providers, and building resilience in a child who has experienced trauma. In the coming year, CASA will continue to be a consistent, supportive presence in the lives of children in foster care, envisioning a future where cycles of abuse and neglect have ended.

Below are just a few highlights of our accomplishments in 2024, which could not have been achieved without the steadfast work of our volunteers, staff, board of directors and the support of our community partners and donors!

- CASA provided consistent connection, hope, and advocacy to 500 abused and neglected children in 2024.
- In 2024, we continued to serve children with open Informal Adjustment cases in order to provide early intervention for families at risk.
- The program underwent a comprehensive strategic development process, ensuring its sustainability for the next three years.
- The organization's wait list has dwindled, with 33 children waiting to be matched with a CASA volunteer.

Thank you for working alongside us to accomplish these fantastic outcomes and support the reason we exist—the children of Floyd County. Your support this past year brings us hope for our community and the children we serve.

Yours in Advocacy,

Lauren Broderick  
Executive Director  
CASA Floyd County

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# WHAT DOES A CASA DO?



1



**Judge appoints a CASA Volunteer**



2



**Child meets CASA and gets to know them**

3



**CASA communicates with everyone involved in the case**  
*foster parents, biological family, DCS worker, doctor, teacher, etc.*

4



**CASA visits child at least once a month**

5



**CASA advocates for Child's best interest in court**

6



**CASA continues to support child through transitions**

7



**CASA helps to find child a safe, permanent home where they can thrive**

**GOAL**

When a child enters the foster care system because his or her home is no longer safe, a judge in the state of Indiana appoints a committed volunteer to help them. That volunteer is called a Court Appointed Special Advocate®, or CASA.

## CASAS ARE..

- Background checked and HIGHLY TRAINED
- APPOINTED BY A JUDGE to represent and advocate for a child's best interests in the child welfare system
- The "EYES AND EARS" of the court
- RESEARCHERS, investigating each child's situation
- considered experts, and make OBJECTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS to help each child reclaim their childhood from abuse and neglect
- frequently the ONLY STABLE PRESENCE in the child's life as they navigate the foster care system

## WHO ARE CASA VOLUNTEERS?

CASA volunteers are people just like you—compassionate, self-motivated individuals from the community. They come from all backgrounds and walks of life and are passionately committed to making a difference in the life of a child entangled in an overburdened foster care system.





# WHY CASA?

## 2024 FACTS & IMPACT

**36** Advocates  
**6400+** Hours  
Served  
**400+** Children's  
Lives **CHANGED!**

**36**

Number of volunteer court-  
appointed special advocates in  
Floyd County

Number of children served by CASA  
of Floyd County in 2024

**407**

**14,163**

Number of confirmed victims of  
child abuse or neglect in Indiana  
in 2023

is the amount of money it takes  
CASA of Floyd County to serve one  
child for one year

**\$909** 4

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



## VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Our volunteer meetings alternate between self-care sessions and equipping/training meetings, ensuring that our team remains emotionally supported while enhancing their skills to better serve the children of Floyd County. This structure allows us to integrate trauma-informed principles into everything we do, fostering an environment where both staff and volunteers can thrive.

## ADOPTION DAY

Our local Adoption Day was a heartwarming and joyous occasion, as we witnessed children in our CASA program being welcomed into their forever families. Adoption Day not only celebrated the resilience of these children, but also highlighted the crucial role our volunteers play in supporting them along their journey to safety and stability.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

At our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, we gathered to recognize and honor the incredible individuals who make fulfilling CASA's mission possible. During the evening, we proudly presented the Excellence in Commitment award to Sally Newkirk, the Ambassador award to Garrett Browning, and the Perseverance award to Melissa Meier. We are deeply grateful for each volunteer's passion and service, which bring our mission to life.





# FUNDRAISING & OUTREACH



## ADVOCACY RISING GALA

Our Advocacy Rising Gala was a fantastic evening filled with community support, storytelling, and fun games, all in the name of our mission. We were thrilled to raise over \$80,000 for CASA, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and supporters. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our mission and the impact of our work, while celebrating the collective commitment to advocating for children in need.

## COLOR ME CASA INAUGURAL 5K

Our inaugural Color Me CASA 5K was an incredible success, with over 120 participants joining us for a fun-filled, family-friendly event. Runners showed up in their most colorful outfits and enjoyed a day with a tie-dye station, body art, and lively music. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring the community together, raise awareness for CASA, and celebrate in a vibrant, joyful atmosphere—all while supporting the children we serve.



## COFFEE WITH CASA

Coffee with CASA is a volunteer recruitment initiative where CASA ambassador volunteers met at local coffee shops to spread the word about our mission and the critical need for advocates for children in Floyd County. By engaging in meaningful conversations, our ambassadors help raise awareness and inspire others to join in the mission, ensuring more children have a dedicated advocate by their side.



## CASA OF FLOYD COUNTY CASA CONFERENCE

Our local area CASA conference was an incredible training opportunity for our volunteers, offering them the chance to learn from various local experts. Participants heard from Judge Granger, Public Defender, Coy Travis, Dana Lemon from ACP and Associates, and our Advocacy Director Courtney Roberts.

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION WALK

Our Child Abuse Prevention Walk brought together volunteers, staff, community supporters, and their families to downtown New Albany to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect in our community. Participants wore specially designed t-shirts for the occasion and made a meaningful stop at the pinwheel display outside the Carnegie Center, where 471 pinwheels symbolized the children CASA served in 2023.



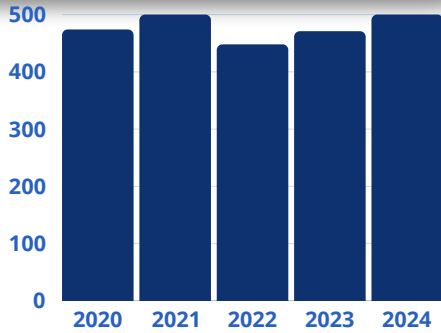
## IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

CASA has actively participated in local festivals and resource fairs, using these opportunities to spread the word about our mission and the vital role CASA volunteers play in the lives of children navigating foster care. Through informative booths and conversations with community members, we highlight the importance of providing children with a powerful ally: someone who will advocate for their best interests in court.

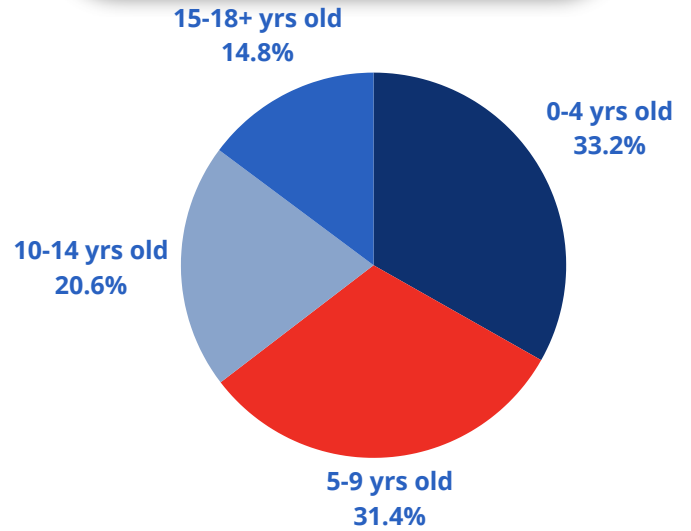


# 2024 CHILD STATISTICS

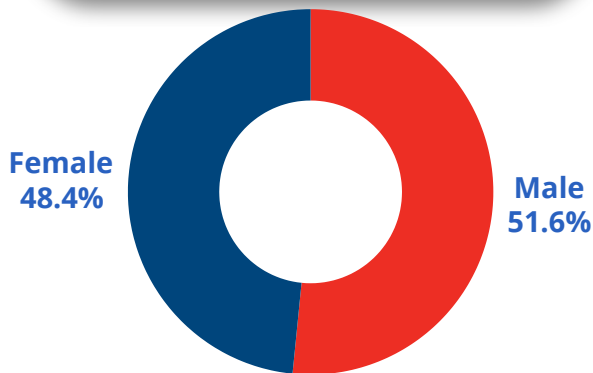
## Number of Children Served by Year



## Children by Age

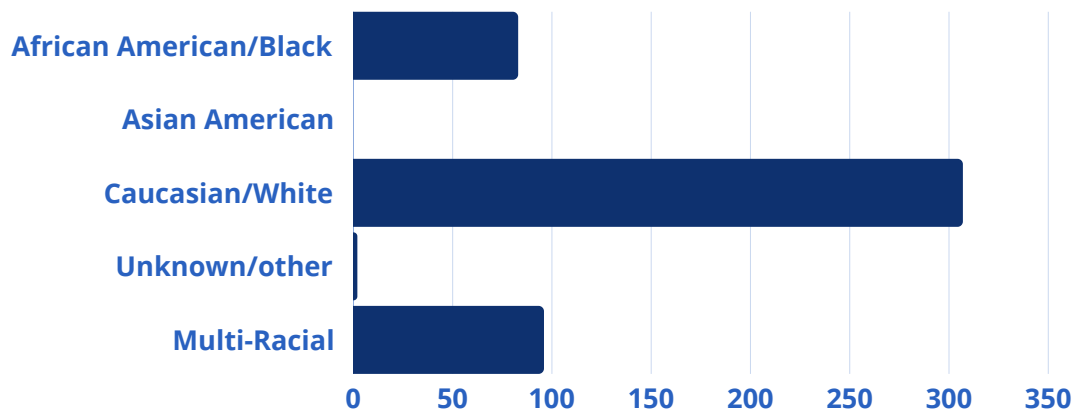


## Children by Gender



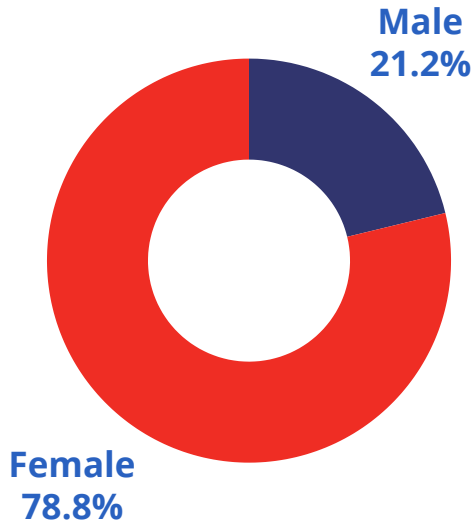
The average age of a child in CASA's program is roughly 8 years old

## Children by Ethnicity & Race

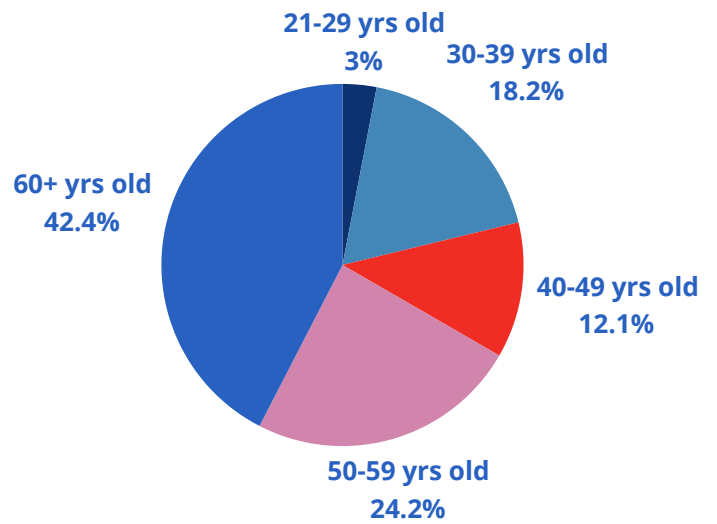


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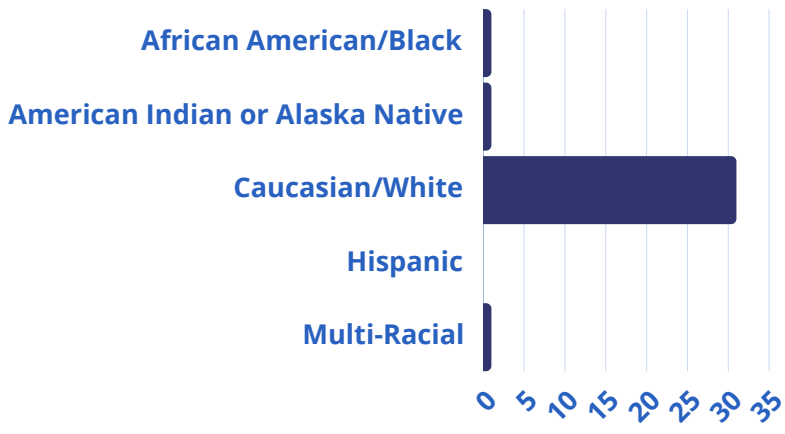
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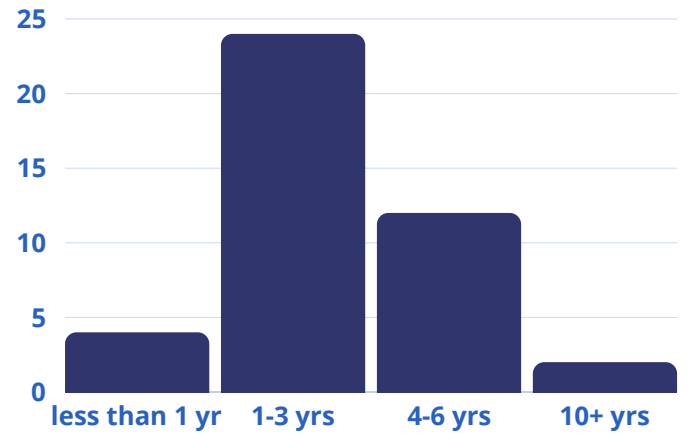
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## Volunteers by Ethnicity & Race

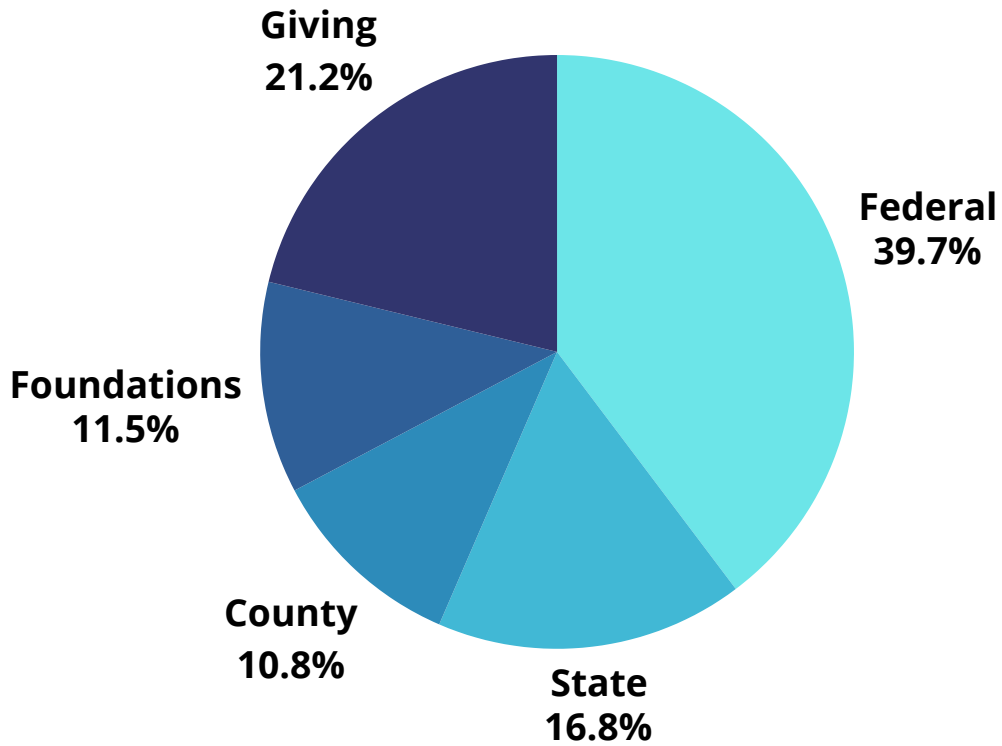


## Volunteer Tenure

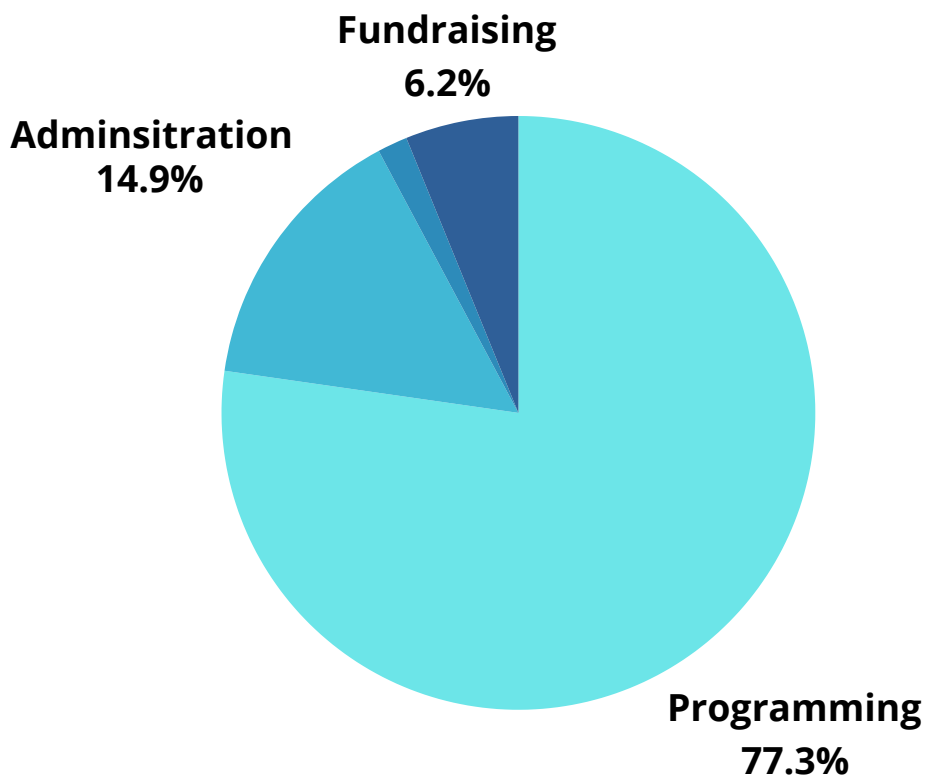


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**thank you to our donors who ensure our mission moves forward...**

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A heartfelt thank you to the Lilly Endowment for making CASA of Floyd County a Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana 2023 Grant award recipient. Through the generous support of the endowment CASA has been able to expand it's services to include children with open Informal Adjustment Cases and has enhanced our fundraising endeavors through 2026.



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