



2011 Annual Report

Empowering abused and neglected children with a volunteer's voice in court.

CASA Strives to Meet Growing Needs



Child abuse and neglect is on the rise and more children entered the court systems as a result. The number of newly abused or neglected children grew to 1,392 in 2011, a 29% increase over 2008.

In 2011, CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties provided 188 volunteer advocates for 438 children. The new Master CASA program reached 88 abused or neglected children and maximized our volunteer resources. Seventeen experienced, high-performing volunteer advocates oversaw case activities of 34 newly trained volunteers.

Each CASA volunteer watches over the children they serve, advocates on their behalf, and becomes a consistent, reliable adult presence. As a result, research shows kids with CASA receive more help while in the foster care system, are half as likely to languish in foster care and are twice as likely to find a safe, permanent home.

Two of these children were 2 year old Luke and his 8-month old sister Dana, placed in foster care after a neighbor phoned in a domestic disturbance. Sadly, authorities found the children filthy, malnourished, and lethargic. Larry became their CASA advocate. With a stable and loving foster home, Dana gained weight and began to sit up, reach for things, play and talk baby babble. Luke also thrived, but his speech was delayed. Larry recommended to the Court for Luke to receive speech therapy, which was soon implemented. To enhance communication with Luke, Larry learned simple sign language, which Luke seemed to enjoy. After 18 months, the parents were unable to fulfill their required parenting plan. Larry sat proudly in the court room as Luke and Dana were adopted by their foster family.

2011 Highlights:

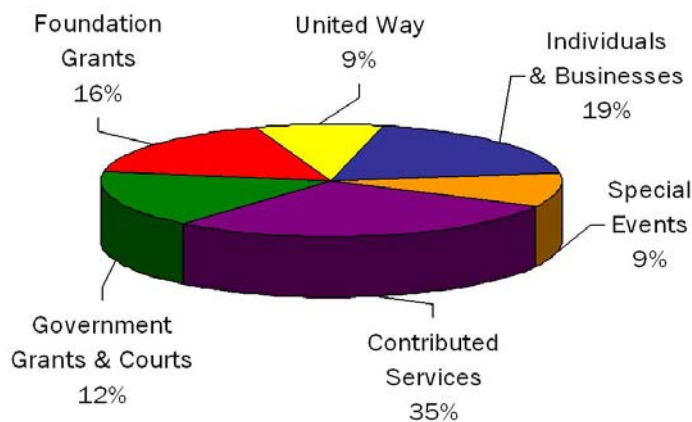
- 188 volunteers served 438 children.
- 99% of children were kept safe from additional abuse or neglect.
- 96% of children had stability in CASA advocate.
- 95% of court hearings reflected information from CASA reports.
- 99% of kids experienced permanency in placement.

Program Statistics

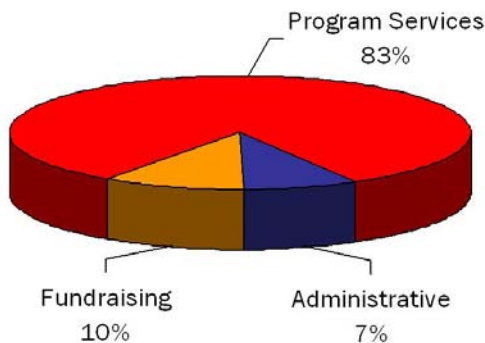
| | 2011 | 2010 |
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| CHILDREN SERVED | 438 | 467 |
| FAMILIES SERVED | 213 | 236 |
| VOLUNTEERS TRAINED | 54 | 79 |
| COURT REPORTS/HEARINGS | 412/425 | 452/518 |
| VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS | 14,608 | 12,017 |

Financial Statement Year-Ended 2011 (unaudited)

Total Revenues: \$808,349



Total Expenses: \$801,079



The average cost to provide a CASA child advocate to one child is \$1,500 per year. This amount covers recruitment, screening, training, supervision, and support, as well as other operating costs. We are pleased to share the \$.83 of every dollar contributed is dedicated to direct program services.



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