



CASA Impact

Court Appointed Special Advocate

STAFF Impact

Meet our Advocate Advisors



Left to Right
Tammy Sakalaukus
Sue Hoffman
Mary Peters
Katherine Evans

Katherine Evans: Katherine moved to the Gulf Coast in September 1979. She worked for DuPont for twenty five years, has been a volunteer for CASA for seven years, and volunteered for other organizations for several years throughout the Gulf Coast area.

Susan Hoffman: Sue has worked as a therapeutic family counselor to provide training and consultation to advance compassion, resilience, and well-being. She has also worked as a middle-school counselor and medical social worker throughout her career. Sue holds an MSW from University of Vermont.

Mary Peters: CASA of seven years. Mary worked in the Long Beach School District for fifteen years. During that time, worked in self contained special education classes in the elementary school and the high school. Mary also worked for the Autism Program in Long Beach.

Tammy Sakalaukus: CASA for seven years. She was awarded the unsung CASA hero for the year 2015. Spent 18 yrs. on active and reserve duty in the United States Navy while raising four children. Substitute teacher along the coast for nearly 10 years.

PROGRAM Impact

In 2018 we Advocated for 243 Children on 110 Cases. Permanency has been established for 119 children through reunification, adoption, and guardianship.

We have had three training classes in 2018 with 20 new Advocates taking their very first case. Currently there are 43 CASA Advocates who are actively on a case.

Since taking our very first case in January 2011 through October 2018, we have advocated for over 1850 children in Harrison County.

CASA 100, our goal is to have 100 active CASA Volunteers Advocating for children with CPS involvement by the end of 2020.

Ethnicity	Percentage
African American	15.70%
Asian	1.20%
Caucasian	48.70%
Multi-Racial	12%
Hispanic	2.50%
Unknown	20%

Age	Number of Children
0 to 12 months	40
1 to 5 years	58
6 to 10 years	61
11 to 15 years	42
15 to 18 years	10
Unknown	32



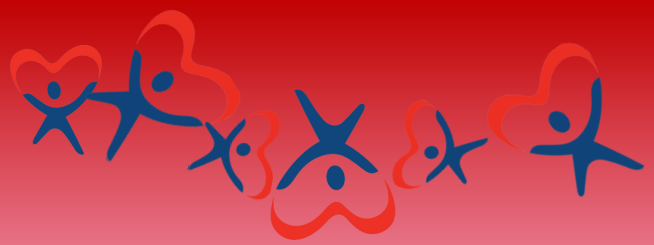
Referral	Number of Children
Neglect	146
Physical Abuse	9
Sexual Abuse	2
Neglect and Abuse	52
Parent Substance Abuse	30
Infant born with substance	5
Other	2

BOARD Impact

Dianne Albrecht
Terry Gautier-Byrd
Sharron Braun
Missy Dombrowski

Lynn Frisby
Robert Gargiulo
Lance Hopkins
Ellie Marchand

Binoy Mishra
Paul McGachey
Rebecca Powers
Cindy Pritchard



VOLUNTEERimpact

CASA Volunteers are the heart of our organization. In 2018 CASAs have logged over 2,600 hours and traveled over 25,000 miles visiting children in placement, supporting parents, communicating with educators, participating in IEPs (individualized Educational Program), contacting health professionals, identifying resources for the children and parents, and simply being there for the child.

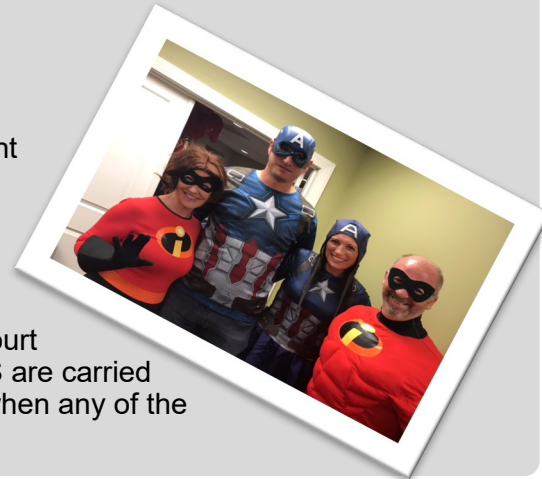
Role of CASAs

Information Gathering---Objective examination of the situation including relevant history, environment, relationships, and needs of the child

Facilitation---Identify resources and services for the child and facilitate a collaborative relationship between all parties involved in the case, helping to create a situation in which the child's needs can be met

Advocacy---Speak up for the child by making fact-based recommendations regarding the child's best interest in a written report in Harrison County Youth Court

Monitoring---Keep track of whether the orders of the court and the plans of CPS are carried out, and report to the court or collaborate with CPS (Child Protection Services) when any of the parties do not follow those orders and plans



Jeannie Herrin
Executive Director

Jeannie holds an MBA from Benedictine College. Her work highlights include Regional Director for Gift Planning for a non-profit in Indianapolis IN and Vice President of Development for not-for-profit in Topeka KS. She was first Executive Director for CASA of Harrison County from 2010 to 2014 and currently is serving as Executive Director since July of 2017.

COMMUNITYimpact

Thank you community for your financial support. Since we do not receive State or Federal funding, your support is critical to the financial health of our organization.

Together we have impacted the lives of over 1850 children in eight years! Your continued support will ensure that we get closer to the CASA 100. 100 Volunteers by the end of 2020 to be the voice of children.

In 2018 the Community funded 100% of our program to recruit, train, and mentor qualified community volunteers.

Be a CASA Advocate through being a CASA Volunteer or through your monetary support. You will have an impact on the children we serve.

***It takes all of us to protect children.
Not one agency can do it alone.***

CASA of Harrison County
2018 IMPACT

