

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Brown County Internship Opportunities

Mission: We empower children, youth and young adults who have experienced abuse or neglect by partnering with volunteers to provide court-appointed advocacy and supportive mentoring to create lasting and positive change.

Vision: A community where those who have been impacted by the child welfare system feel safe, valued, and have the tools to thrive.

At CASA of Brown County, we recruit, train and support volunteers to advocate on behalf of children under court protection until the case closes and they are safe and thriving in permanent homes. CASA volunteers visit children regularly and submit a monthly report to the judge on the child's safety and well-being to help the judge make important decisions on the child's future. Many of the children we serve are living in foster care and their CASA volunteer is a consistent adult presence in their life.

CASA of Brown County offers flexible and challenging internships to students at local colleges.

Among other things, interns will learn and may participate in:

- 1. Observe dependency court hearings to learn how the Court interacts with the child welfare system.
- 2. Develop an appreciation for the impact CASA volunteers have on the Court and the child welfare system.
- 3. Gain insight into the issues confronting children who experience abuse and/or neglect.
- 4. Expand their understanding of the importance of confidentiality.
- 5. Participate in CASA volunteer training.
- 6. Learn volunteer coaching skills.
- 7. Practice administrative responsibilities.

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