

STARTING A LOCAL CASA PROGRAM

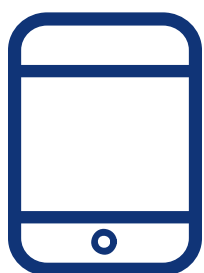
Step 1



DETERMINE THE NEED

Starting a new CASA program is an important, but labor-intensive part of what we do at MOCASA. That's why we need your help to determine what the need is in your community.

Step 2



REACH OUT TO THE MISSOURI CASA ASSOCIATION

If you're interested in starting a CASA program in your county or circuit, give us a call! You can discuss a potential program with our Executive Director, Leanne Reese, at 573-256-1445 or send us an email.

Step 3



COMMUNICATE WITH THE CHILD WELFARE COMMUNITY

A CASA program will not be successful without the support of those involved with the abuse and neglect cases in your area. You will need to have some initial communication with court officials, case workers, etc.

Step 4



DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In addition to the child welfare community, it is very important to communicate with other members of your community to determine whether or not the program will be supported and sustainable.

Step 5



START THE NATIONAL CASA MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

CASA programs draw support from the National CASA Association, who is in charge of the network's overall branding, resources, and health. Several criteria must be met for National CASA to endorse a local program.