

## Speak up for a child

## Volunteer Inquiry - Getting Started

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer advocate for children in the foster care system. The following are the steps in the process:

- ✓ Go to the CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties website: <a href="http://www.casamsc.org/make-an-impact/volunteer">http://www.casamsc.org/make-an-impact/volunteer</a> and sign-up to attend an Information Session.
- ✓ Attend an Information Session to learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer.
- ✓ Complete and submit an application including references. Applications are distributed at the Information Sessions.
- ✓ Attend an interview with 2 CASA staff members.
- ✓ Complete fingerprinting and background checks.
- ✓ If all of the above are completed and you are accepted into the volunteer training, you will complete 36 hours of training (1/2 online and 1/2 in-person).
- ✓ At the completion of the training you will be sworn in by one of our judges and then you will be assigned to a case as a CASA volunteer.
- ✓ We request that you commit to advocate for a child for at least 18-24 months.

Please call Lauren Kestenbaum, Volunteer Recruiter/Trainer at 973-998-7590 or email at <a href="mailto:lkestenbaum@casamsc.org">lkestenbaum@casamsc.org</a> if you have any questions.

I look forward to meeting you.