

SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA CASA NEWSLETTER



Greetings from Southeast Nebraska CASA! Today the temperature has not made it to 10, so I hope you are all staying safe and warm!

One thing 2020 taught us all is that child abuse and neglect does not stop because of a pandemic, and it does not stop when it is cold ... we have seen the numbers of cases increase because families experience more financial and emotional stress. Our volunteers at Southeast Nebraska CASA have continued to find safe ways to meet with the children they serve. They have met online, read them stories, played virtual games and made sure these children never felt alone.

Our volunteers make a difference! Southeast Nebraska CASA Serves 5 counties. (Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Thayer and Gage)

Today, 50 children are being served by a CASA volunteer in our 5 counties, however, 30 kids are still waiting for a volunteer.



If you have ever wanted to learn more about how to become a volunteer or help these children.... NOW is the perfect time. Check out our new and improved website ... www.southeastnebraskacasa.org!

~ Marci

Thank you

To everyone who participated in our 2020 Survey



Our results included responses from Judges, Attorneys, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service workers, and CASA Volunteers. Each of our 5 counties were represented.

What are some strengths of Southeast Nebraska CASA (check all that apply)

- Providing details of a child's life via reports: **87.5%**
- Providing verbal updates: **50.0%**
- Providing court reports: **79.2%**
- Attending hearings: **75.0%**
- Communication with GAL's and DHHS: **75.0%**
- Providing children with a voice in court: **53.8%**

Overall, how would you rate the quality of services provided by Southeast Nebraska CASA:


Excellent: **74.1%**
Good: **22.2%**
Fair: **3.7%**
Poor: **0%**

How influential is the Southeast Nebraska CASA program in advocating positive outcomes for children/youth:

Very Influential: **38.5%**
Somewhat Influential: **46.2%**
Neutral: **7.7%**
A Little Influential: **7.7%**
Not Influential At All: **0.0%**



Did you know adults who
volunteer for at least 200 hours
per year decrease their risk of high
blood pressure by 40 percent.



HELP YOUR HEART
AND THE
HEART OF A CHILD

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

*To learn about volunteer
opportunities contact:*

OFFICE@SOUTHEASTNEBRASKACASA.ORG

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Spotlight



Sonia grew up in Grand Island, Nebraska. She then went on to Doane University on a cheerleading scholarship, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

Meet Sonia

She worked as a personal banker for three years after college, while volunteering as a CASA volunteer for one year.

Sonia graduated from Grand Canyon University with a Masters of Science in Psychology earlier this year.

Sonia was hired by Southeast Nebraska CASA as our Administrative Assistant in August, and then transitioned into our Training and Recruitment Director in January 2021.

Sonia has also been the Crete High School Cheer coach for the last 7 years.

Sonia is passionate about nonprofit work and helping kids who no longer have a voice.





We Moved!

Check out our new office
Located at 1313 285th Street in Seward



WHO'S MISSING?

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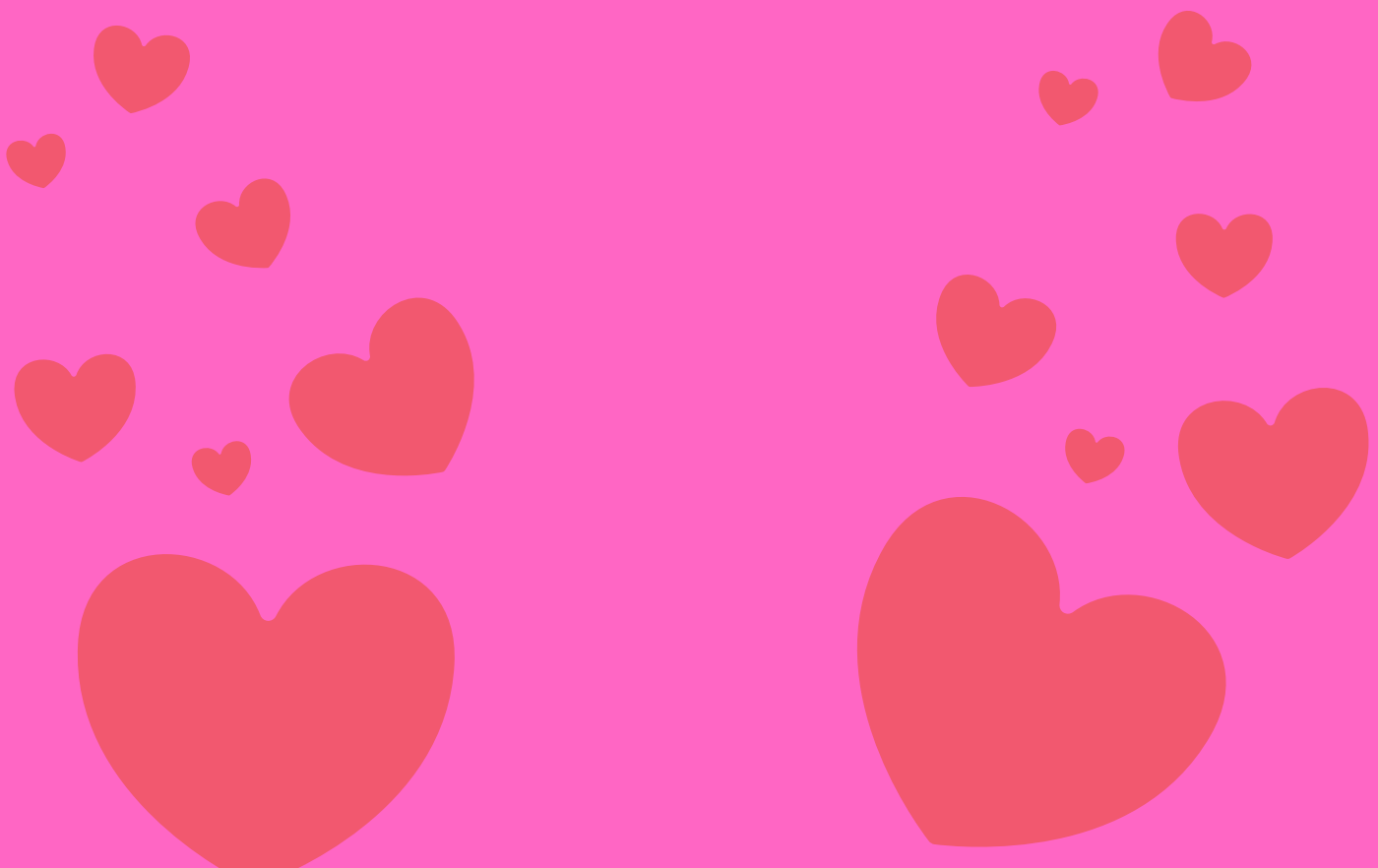
CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
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“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” – Elizabeth Andrew

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