



SOUTHEAST

NEBRASKA CASA

JANUARY - MARCH 2026

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are happy to highlight that we have recently added 4 new board members - Taylor Jensen, Zac Miller, Molly McDowell, and Jessica Brashear! Thank you to all who continue to serve on our Board of Directors.

THANK YOU TO CONNIE AND AMBER!

We would like to acknowledge Connie Borchers who served 8 years on our Board of Directors and Amber Fiala who served 6 years on our Board of Directors. Thank you for the years of support you gave to CASA!

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Brandi celebrated 1 year with CASA in March! We are so thankful to have her! Stephanie is sadly leaving us at the end of April to continue pursuing her master's degree. Keep your eye out for a "going away" party!

★ ★ Navigating Child Protection ★ ★

DETAILS:

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026

12:00PM - 1:30PM

Seward Civic Center
616 Bradford Street
Seward, NE 68434

This training will be provided at no cost to our community. Lunch will be provided.



Scan here to register!



This course prepares mandatory reporters with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and report child abuse and neglect, including an overview of the different types of abuse and their prevalence in Nebraska. Participants will learn to identify signs of abuse and neglect, understand the various forms children may experience, and recognize when concerns warrant action. The training outlines appropriate response steps, reporting procedures, and what to expect after a report of child abuse or neglect is made. It also emphasizes the importance of self-care and provides strategies to support mental, emotional, and physical well-being while doing this critical work.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS FREE TRAINING! WE ARE SPECIFICALLY TARGETING INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK WITH FAMILIES OR FREQUENTLY GO ENTER HOMES.





2025	49 children served	18 CASA Volunteers	1,397 hours	7,020 miles
2024	52 children served	20 CASA Volunteers	1,555 hours	11,982 miles
2023	54 children served	23 CASA Volunteers	879 hours	5,941 miles
2022	51 children served	23 CASA Volunteers	1,206 hours	5,118 miles



A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SHELBY...

As you look at the graph above want to point out something I'm really proud of. Between 2023 and 2024, we experienced significant staff changes. In organizations like ours, that often leads to a drop in volunteers or fewer children being served. But that didn't happen here. Over the last four years, our staff and volunteer numbers have remained incredibly consistent and that is no small thing. Stability matters. It matters for our team, it matters for our volunteers, and most importantly, it matters for the children we serve.

Not only have we remained steady, but we've also increased the number of hours spent on cases. That means more time dedicated to making sure each child's voice is heard.

Thank you to our dedicated staff and our amazing volunteers. Your commitment truly makes all the difference.





**QUARTERLY
VOLUNTEER TRAINING**



**LEGISLATIVE
RECEPTION**



**CASA STATE
DIRECTORS MEETING**



**SEWARD FBLA
CHRISTMAS GIFTS**



**GARY & KARLETTE
SWEARING IN**



**REGIONAL CAREER
DAY**

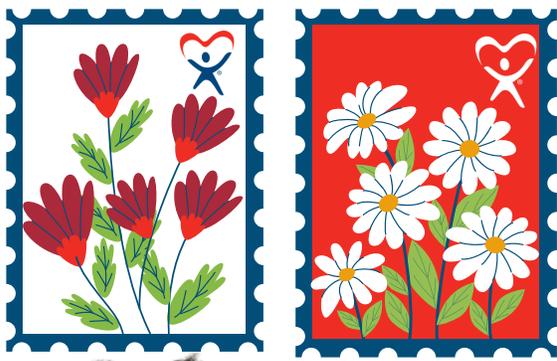
**VOLUNTEER
BIRTHDAYS**

Christine Wenzl
Jessica Hilderbrand
Genevieve Melby

**CASA
ANNIVERSARIES**

Genevieve Melby
Stephanie Bertagnoli
Chris Swain
Cindy Mesloh





UPCOMING EVENTS



T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Please consider ordering a t-shirt designed by our very own, Stephanie Bertagnoli! We receive a portion of all sales.... everyone can use a new t-shirt, especially when it supports a good cause! Two different designs this year and lots of color options!

SCAN TO ORDER!



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April 1-30, 2026 is Child Abuse Prevention Month! Keep an eye out for all of our events!

SEWARD HEALTH FAIR

Swing by our booth at the Ag Pavillion on April 1 for the "Aloha Health" fair!

WEAR BLUE DAY

Join us in wearing blue on April 10 to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month!

NAVIGATING CHILD PREVENTION

BraveBe Child Advocacy Center and CASA are partnering to bring this training to Seward! April 14 from 12-1:30pm. Free to join!

FAREWELL TO STEPHANIE

We are saying "see ya later" to Stephanie on April 21 from 11am to 1pm. Swing by anytime to wish her luck on her future endeavors!

SEWARD COUNTY GIVES

April 26 - May 3! Help us raise money again this year for Seward County Gives. Don't forget for every \$10 you donate, you can enter a giveaway!

