

More cases of child abuse and neglect are being filed and Dubois County CASA is in need of additional volunteers. We have two different volunteer opportunities.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

CASAs are advocates for children who are a part of the legal system due to abuse or neglect. CASAs see the child fact-to-face at least once every 30 days. They also speak with other people who are important in the child's life such as family, placement, teachers, etc. CASAs read notes provided by visitation supervisors and therapists to get a good picture of what is going on in the child's life. CASAs attend court approximately once every 90 days and file a court report prior to the hearing, making the child's wishes known to the court and making recommendations that are in the child's best interest. CASAs complete 30 hours of pre-service training and are fully supported by CASA staff as they work their cases. The amount of time a CASA spends on their cases varies but averages about 5 hours per month.

More information about becoming a CASA can be found on the CASA page at duboiscountyin.org.

Comfort Zone Volunteers

The Comfort Zone is a place where children, who have been removed from their home, are brought when the Department of Child Services does not immediately have a placement for them. While at the Comfort Zone, volunteers help the children choose a new duffle bag and items to fill it - such as new clothing, toiletries, a handmade quilt, and a stuffed animal. Simple food is available for volunteers to prepare for the children and themselves. Volunteers work in teams of two and take care of the children while DCS does their work in another part of our building. We can partner you with another volunteer, or spouses or friends can volunteer together. Volunteers are on call 24 hours at a time, from noon one day to noon the next. We ask that while on call, you remain within 30 minutes of the Comfort Zone. Some people volunteer on a weekly basis while others volunteer monthly. Almost all removals occur during the daytime.

More information about becoming a Comfort Zone volunteer can be found on the CASA page at duboiscountyin.org.

If you or someone you know cares about children and wants to make a huge difference in a child's life, one of these volunteer opportunities might be a perfect fit.

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