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WHEN SOMEONE CARES



CASA

Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

COLORADO

2018

*annual
report*

our **NETWORK**



Dear Friends and Partners,

Thank you for your unwavering support for the mission of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in Colorado. It is because of you - our committed volunteers, dedicated local program staff, and generous donors - that we have made a positive impact on behalf of children in need.

Our mission is to ensure every child who has experienced abuse and neglect has a caring, consistent adult to advocate for his or her wellbeing. This requires the passion, dedication, and collaboration of 18 CASA programs in Colorado, community volunteers, government and judicial partners, and our dedicated philanthropic supporters.

We promote the success of the individual CASA programs in the state of Colorado with four key strategic areas: legislative activities, fundraising, data analysis, and brand awareness.

A GROWING CAPACITY

We are pleased to report that 2018 marked an exceptional year for Colorado CASA and the 18 local programs. Through high performing collaborations, 1,998 volunteers served 4,453 children across Colorado. This is 22% more children served than last year, a true example that anything is possible, when someone cares.

We have accomplished this growth through a number of key initiatives that served as catalysts and laid the groundwork for CASA program expansion.

A GROWING NEED

The number of children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect continues to increase. At the same time, we know the issues that children face in Colorado continue to evolve.

To address these needs, we know we must increase our volunteer base. We understand the importance of accelerating the implementation of our

strategy to serve more children. The strategy includes recruiting and training thousands of dependable and trusted advocates who offer hope and stability at a time when a child's life hangs in the balance.

We are improving our training programs in Colorado. This includes updating our approach to training volunteers and facilitators, enhancing training materials, and developing new components, such as flexible, online learning options. Our new curriculum addresses the challenges families face like substance abuse, trauma, and economic disparity.

A GROWING IMPACT

We are dedicated to using data to track child-wellbeing, continually improve program implementation, and examine child outcomes and program impact over time. In the past year, the 18 programs across the state began consistently tracking child well-being. In the coming year we will ramp up our use of data through our newly hired Program and Data Evaluator. We are looking forward to using data to drive decision-making and adding to the evidence base for CASA programs nationally.

Our efforts were recognized by the Colorado General Assembly through a \$500,000 increase in our annual budget.

Looking ahead, we will continue to work to support our strategy, achieve our mission, and ensure Colorado children who have experienced abuse or neglect have a CASA volunteer speaking up for their best interests.

Thank you for your support, advocacy and partnership.



Christinne Johnson
Board of Directors Chair
Colorado CASA



Jenny Bender
Executive Director
Colorado CASA

our IMPACT

1,998

Volunteer advocates help change children's lives every day

4,453

Children have a CASA volunteer advocate speaking up for their best interests



22% increase in children served from 2017



CASA advocates in Colorado volunteered **122,555 hours** in 2018



A safe and permanent home for **every child**

CASA Programs IN COLORADO

IN ORDER OF JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASA OF JEFFERSON AND GILPIN COUNTIES

Leah Varnell, Executive Director
Jefferson & Gilpin Counties
1st Judicial District

CHILD ADVOCATES - DENVER CASA

Nancy Stewart, Executive Director
Denver County
2nd Judicial District

CASA OF THE PIKES PEAK REGION

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El Paso & Teller Counties
4th Judicial District

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5th Judicial District

CASA OF THE SOUTHWEST

Ashley Hein, Executive Director
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6th Judicial District

CASA OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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Delta, Montrose, Ouray, Gunnison,
San Miguel, & Hinsdale Counties
7th Judicial District

CASA OF LARIMER COUNTY

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CASA OF THE NINTH

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CASA OF PUEBLO

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Pueblo County
10th Judicial District

HEART OF COLORADO CASA

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11th Judicial District

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14th Judicial District

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16th Judicial District

CASA OF ADAMS AND BROOMFIELD COUNTIES

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Adams & Broomfield Counties
17th Judicial District

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

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18th Judicial District

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19th Judicial District

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Jacob Harmon, Executive Director
Boulder County
20th Judicial District

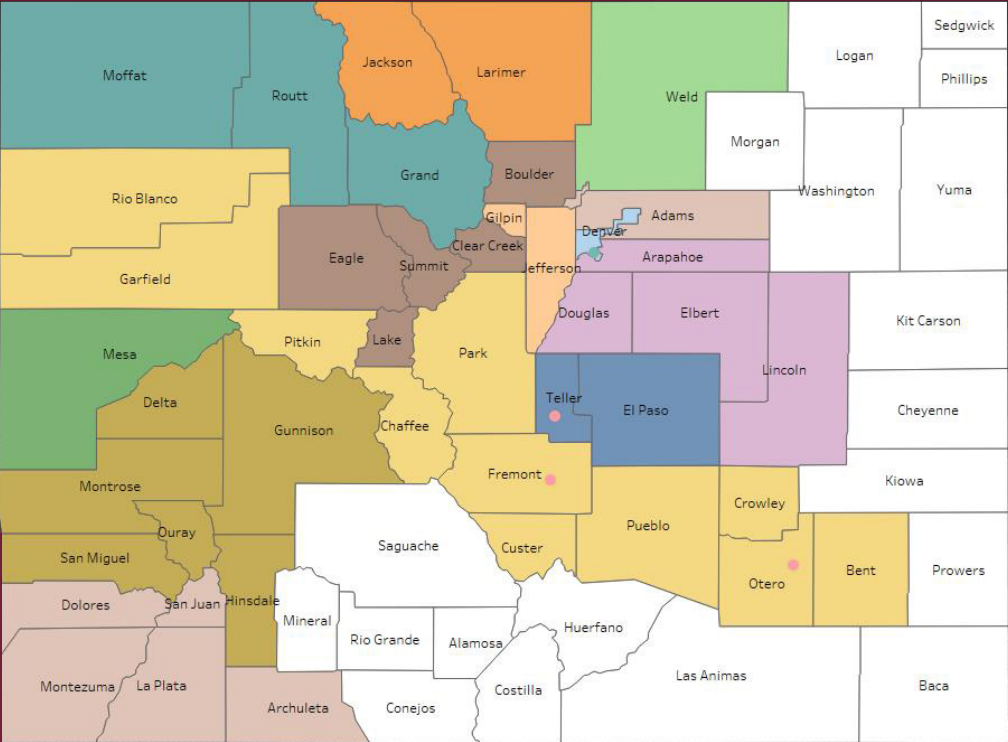
CASA OF MESA COUNTY

Joy Thompson, Executive Director
Mesa County
21st Judicial District

CASA OF THE SOUTHWEST

Lindsay Sherman, Executive Director
Cortez, Dolores, & Montezuma Counties
22nd Judicial District

Colorado CASA SERVICE AREA MAP



CASA programs currently operate in 18 Judicial Districts.
CASA is not operating in the 3rd, 12th, 13th, and 15th Judicial Districts.

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a pink shirt, is smiling and hugging a young girl from behind. The girl is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt. They are outdoors, with a blurred background of greenery and a blue sky. The entire image has a blue tint.

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When Alise gave birth to Rebekah, her baby was whisked away within minutes because she had been exposed to drugs. Alise and Rebekah would not see each other again for almost a year.

But when Alise met her daughter's CASA volunteer, Michelle, her life changed. Michelle was the first person to show Alise a picture of Rebekah and share information about her. She encouraged Alise. Through this process Alise was able to see that there was hope and she did everything needed to be reunited with her daughter, including substance-abuse treatment and parenting classes.

Today Rebekah is a bright, energetic child who loves school and says she has the best mom ever. Alise earned a bachelor's degree in behavioral science and now works with birth parents across the nation whose children have been placed in foster care.

Alise shows those parents that there is hope - just like the light of hope a CASA volunteer gave her when all she could see was darkness.

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Colorado CASA FINANCIALS

INCOME

Colorado State Legislative Funding	\$1,020,000	90%
Other Government	\$46,034	4%
Individuals and Corporations	\$29,368	3%
Conference Fees	\$5,818	1%
Membership and dues, Other	\$24,625	2%
Total Income	\$1,125,845	

EXPENSES

Program Services (Disbursements, Training, Technical Assistance)	\$1,059,237	92%
General & Administrative	\$79,885	7%
Fundraising	\$8,875	1%
Total Expenses	\$1,147,997	

our **SUPPORTERS**

Thank you to all our donors, who make growth and progress possible. Together, we are a powerful voice for children in vulnerable situations.

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A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE AND PEOPLE IN
MY LIFE WHO LOVE ME.”**

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A photograph of two young girls hugging outdoors, with a blue overlay. The girl on the left is wearing a white shirt and the girl on the right is wearing a pink shirt with a cartoon pattern and floral shorts.

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*Our momentum is growing
but so is the need*



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