

Northwest Rocky Mountain CASA Court-Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer Application

Part One

(Please note that this form has 3 parts. Make sure all 3 are filled out.)

			Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/>
Name (Last, First, Middle)			
Alias(es), Nickname(s), Maiden Name, Other Name Changes		Social Security Number	
Mailing address (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)		Home Phone	
Physical Address (Street, Apt., City, State, Zip)		County	Work Phone
e-Mail	Cell Phone		Fax
Place of Employment		Position	
May we contact you at work? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
In case of emergency, please call:		Phone:	
Do you have access to an automobile? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Do you have automobile liability insurance? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
How did you hear about CASA?			

Date of Birth			
Place of Birth (City, County, State)			
Ethnic Origin			
Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/>			
Name of Husband/Wife/Significant Other:			
Do you have children?		Gender/Ages:	

Residences: List all residences for the last (10) years, beginning with your present address.

Months/Years	Street and Number	City, County, State

Vehicle Operator’s License: (Driver’s, Chauffeur’s, Etc.)

Type	Place of Issue	Expiration Date	License Number

Have you ever been denied issuance of a license or have you ever had a license suspended or revoked?

No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please explain:

Employment Information: Begin with your most recent job and list your work history for the past 5 years, including part-time, temporary or seasonal employment. Identify part-time “PT” and temporary jobs with a “TEMP”. (Use separate sheet if necessary).

From: Month/Year	Name of Employer	Job Title	Supervisor
To: Month/Year	Employer’s Address, Zip	Duties	
Employer’s Phone	Reason for Leaving		

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Were you ever discharged, asked to resign, furloughed or put on inactive status for cause, or subjected to disciplinary action while with any of these organizations? No Yes If yes, please explain:

Have you ever resigned after being informed your employer intended to discharge you for any reason?

No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please explain:	

Volunteer Experience: (For past 5 years)

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From/To	Agency	Supervisor	Duties
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What did you like best?			
What did you like least?			

References: List 3 people who know you well enough to provide current and past information about you.

Do not list relatives and please limit to one personal friend.

1. Name		Relationship		Years Known	
Address					
(Street, Number, City, State, Zip)					
Home Phone:		Business Phone:			
2. Name		Relationship		Years Known	
Address					
(Street, Number, City, State, Zip)					
Home Phone:		Business Phone:			
3. Name		Relationship		Years Known	

Address			
(Street, Number, City, State, Zip)			
Home Phone:		Business Phone:	

Education Information:

Highest Level Completed		Name of School:	
Degree	Date Received	Areas of Study	

Are you presently enrolled in school? Yes No If yes, please give name of school/course of study:

Arrest Information: Have you ever been arrested, detained by police, or summoned into court, including traffic arrests?
 No Yes If yes, complete the following:

Policy Agency: (City & State)

Date	Disposition of the Case		

Do you authorize Northwest Rocky Mountain CASA to secure a criminal check, motor vehicles check, and child protection services check as appropriate and permissible by state law, on you? No Yes

CASA Program rejects applicants who refuse to sign a release of information for appropriate law enforcement checks.

Have you or anyone in your family ever been accused of child abuse and/or neglect? No Yes

If yes, please describe in full:

Miscellaneous Information:

Do you speak a foreign language (include sign) or have any special skills?

Are you able to make a minimum 12-18 month commitment to the CASA program?

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Are you able to attend pre-service training (approx. 32 hours, including evening and Saturday sessions) and daytime court appearances?	

Do you have access to a computer and knowledge of a word processing program? Yes No

I understand that submitting a completed volunteer application does not ensure my acceptance into the CASA program.

I certify that I have made no willful misrepresentations or omissions in this application, and that the entries made by me above are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. Any willful misrepresentations or falsification of this application will cause my disqualification for participation in the project and/or immediate termination if discovered later.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Part Two

(Please type or print; use a separate sheet if necessary)

Name		Date	

The goal of the volunteer application and interview is for CASA staff to learn more about you, for you to learn more about the role of CASA volunteers and to determine if this volunteer opportunity is a good match for your interests and skills. An invitation to be interviewed or acceptance into the CASA training program does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Describe your childhood. What are some of your happiest/saddest memories?

Describe your mother/father. What did you like best about him/her? Least? How did he/she discipline? Did it work?

Briefly explain your philosophy of parenting, including the rights and responsibilities of both parents and children.

Describe your job. What do you like/dislike about it?

Describe your educational background or any training you may have had that you feel may be useful to you as a CASA volunteer?

Describe your support system; husband/wife/significant others. How do they feel about your volunteering and the time it will require? How long have you been married/divorced/in a relationship?

Describe your temperament. What do you like best about yourself? What would you improve? Areas of discomfort?

Describe your use of alcohol and/or drugs.

What is your current state of health? Do you smoke? Do you have any physical impairments that we should know aware of? Have you ever used addictive substances?

Have you previously had or do you currently have a prescription for medical marijuana? If yes, please explain purpose.

Are you involved or have you ever been involved in alcohol/drug rehabilitation?

Have you ever been exposed to an incident of child abuse or neglect? If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been a victim of physical, sexual or emotional abuse? If yes, please explain:

Why do you want to volunteer in the field of child abuse/neglect?

Have you ever worked with abused or neglected children or abusive families? If yes, please explain:

What, if any, is your experience working with children?

What do you hope to get out of a volunteer experience?

Can you think of any reason why a judge might be reluctant for you to serve as a CASA volunteer?

Have you previously had or do you currently have a permit to carry concealed weapons? If yes, please explain purpose.

What questions/concerns do you have about being a CASA volunteer?

Part Three

Please answer the following in the space below or attach a separate response

1. You are on a case involving a baby and a 3 year old. The case was opened because of severe neglect and domestic violence. The children are with mom and dad is in jail. You go to visit mom and the children early one cold snowy morning. Mom tells you she just used her last diaper on the baby and she only has enough cereal for that day. You have \$10 in your purse/wallet.

What do you think would be the best thing to do?

2. Which home for this little girl?

Family A is a young couple who each had a couple of marriages before the one they are currently in. Family A's house is messy with several broken windowpanes. Family A's biological 7 year old daughter was physically abused by mom and educationally neglected. The child has been placed in a foster-adopt home. You suspect that family A's mom and dad have marital problems and alcohol issues. Because of poverty, the little girl did not have any books in the home and the few toys and clothes she did have were from a thrift store. Family A's mom and dad are successful in a treatment plan that includes classes in parenting and anger management as well as substance abuse evaluations. Mom and dad love and have concern for their daughter and want her back.

Family B is a middle-aged couple who are educated with a strong faith system. The 7 year old has been living with foster-adopt family B for about six months. They take the little girl to church and introduce her to a rich cultural experience to include the arts, music, dance, and literature. They ensure she gets a tutor at school to help her catch up and they shower affection and praise on her. Their home is well ordered and calm. They want to adopt the child and give her a life of love, care, and potential. Family B is very good about taking the child to weekly supervised visits with Family A. During the visits, the child interacts with her biological parents by running to them and receiving hugs.

At this point, what are your thoughts about the best long-term solution for this child's placement?

3. You are the CASA on the case of a 10 year old girl who is under the court's jurisdiction due to a prior allegation of sexual abuse by the grandfather, lack of parenting skills by the mother, domestic violence between the mom and dad and maternal substance abuse. The girl was placed outside of the biological parent's home in a foster home while placement was being considered with the grandparents.

You have been on the case for six months and against your recommendation, the parties have agreed to place the child with the grandparents instead of the foster home. The case has been closed at this point.

Explain to us how you would accept the decision by the judge that was contrary to your own recommendation.

Thank you for completing this volunteer application and questionnaire. Your willingness to help our community's most vulnerable children is greatly appreciated!

Please send your completed application via email to: info@kidscasa.org