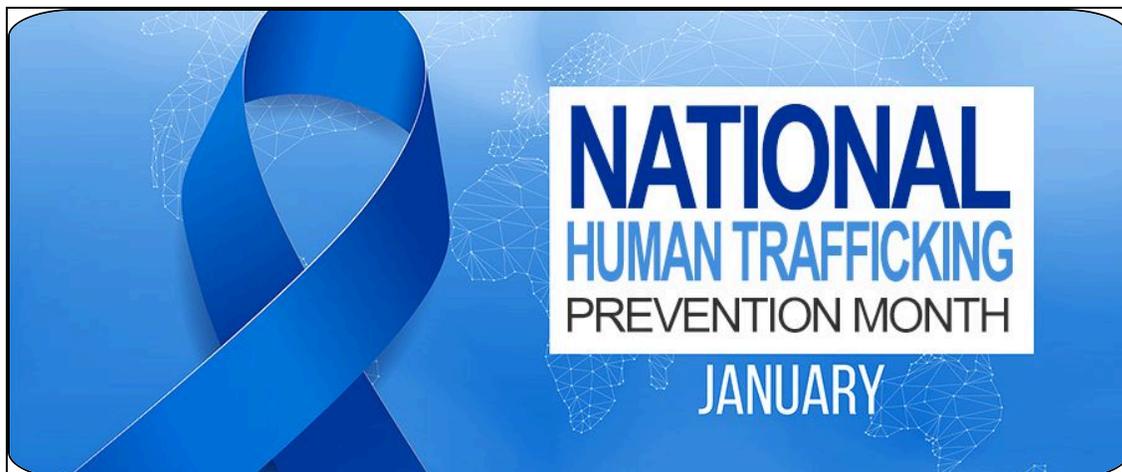


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January marks **Human Trafficking Awareness Month**, a critical time to educate, advocate, and unite against exploitation of individuals for labor or commercial sex. Human trafficking often hides in plain sight, with victims manipulated through coercion, fear, or deceit.

Traffickers frequently target children, particularly those in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or facing challenging family situations. This is where organizations like *CASA* step in to make a difference. *CASA* volunteers work to advocate for children in needs, ensuring they are in a safe home, have access to supportive services, and a voice in court. Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment, free from fear and exploitation.

During Human Trafficking Awareness Month, let's commit to protecting vulnerable children and supporting survivors. Together we can ensure every child has a chance to thrive.

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<p>What does a CASA Volunteer Do?</p> 	<p>Works with their CASA supervisor to select case that is a good match.</p> <p>Appointed to the case by a judge.</p> 
 <p>Communicates with caregivers, parents, social workers, teachers, therapists, and lawyers to understand the child's situation and monitor progress.</p>	 <p>Meets regularly with their assigned child and learns about them and their needs.</p>
 <p>They mentor and offer support to the child.</p>	<p>Advocates for the child's best interest, submits court reports with data and recommendations.</p> 
<p>Keeps focus on a safe, nurturing, and permanent home.</p>  	<p>Want to learn more?</p> <p>Contact us at 785-762-3907</p>  <p>CASAVolunteer@8thjd.com</p>

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Upcoming CASA Training

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) offers an incredible opportunity to make a direct impact in the lives of children in foster care. Our next volunteer training session will begin on **March 25, 2025**, and we invite you to be part of this life-changing work.

How You Can Support CASA Beyond Volunteering?

At CASA of the 8th Judicial District, our volunteers are the heart of our mission, but there are many other ways you can help make a difference in the lives of the children we serve. Even if you're not able to commit to being a CASA Volunteer Advocate, there are still meaningful ways you can support our local program and the children we serve.

Donate

Financial contributions help us provide training for volunteer advocates, support children's needs, and expand our reach within the community. Every donation, no matter the size, directly impacts the work we do. We are 100% grant and donation funded.

Attend Fundraising Events

CASA of the 8th Judicial District hosts several events throughout the year to raise funds and awareness. By attending or sponsoring these events, you help raise the visibility of the CASA program while supporting our efforts financially.

Spread the Word

One of the easiest ways to help is by simply telling others about CASA of the 8th Judicial District and the work that we do. Share our social media posts, talk to friends and family about the work we do, or help us connect with local businesses that might be interested in supporting our cause.

Become a Board Member

You can make a difference by advocating for children in foster care within your own circles. Whether it's speaking out about foster care issues or helping to raise awareness about the needs of these children, your voice is powerful.

Join the CASA Board of Directors

If you have experience in leadership, fundraising, event planning, or organizational management, becoming a member of CASA's Board of Directors is an impactful way to give back. Board members provide strategic direction, ensure financial stability,

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this moment, your support is invaluable. Together, we can ensure that every child has a voice, a champion, and the chance to thrive.



Please Join us in welcoming our new Outreach Coordinator,
Chelsea Arabie!

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