

# Your voice. Their futures.

## THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT.

### CASA's compassion, consistency leads to reunification

It was a call for drug-induced psychosis that brought attention to a young child living in an untenable situation. His 9-1-1 call to police led them to his home where his mother was lying on the floor, disoriented, not speaking and hallucinating.

She was taken to the hospital with a felony level quantity of drugs in her possession.

He was taken to a foster home.

His dad had died from a drug overdose two years prior.

When 6-year-old Brady\* called police for help that day, his life changed in what would be a positive and perhaps unexpected way.

Following her hospital stay, Brady's mom was arrested and while incarcerated, she began working toward sobriety. Brady's CASA, Linda\*, stepped into his life, meeting with him every month and evaluating his needs. In doing so, she was also meeting with his mom, a woman who she could see loved her son very much. Linda encouraged this young mom to do everything she could to become and stay sober if she wanted to keep Brady in her life.

At just 25 years old, her own unstable background had not left many people in her corner but she said the compassion Linda showed and the non-judgmental way in which Linda interacted with her made her want to be better for her son. She followed the judge's orders. She visited with Brady on a regular basis and it was clear that they had a bond.

Just before his permanency hearing, Brady was permitted to return home to his mom. She had come back from the psychotic episodes that had been induced by her drug use, she had a job, an apartment and a clear head to parent her son. She said on more than one occasion how much she appreciated Linda for being a consistently caring person in Brady's life.

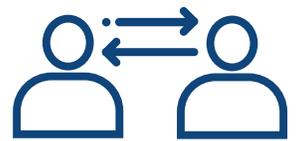
Fourteen months after police responded to Brady's call for help, his case was closed. Back in his mom's care, he is thriving at home, thanks in large part to the hard work and commitment of his CASA, Linda.

*\*This story is true but identifying information has been changed to protect confidentiality.*

### 2019 BY THE NUMBERS



**1,499 CHILDREN**  
had advocates by  
their side



**615 ADVOCATES**  
served in NH  
family courts



**942 FAMILIES**  
benefited from a  
CASA advocate



**689,143 MILES**  
were traveled by  
advocates



**93,337 HOURS**  
spent with children  
by advocates

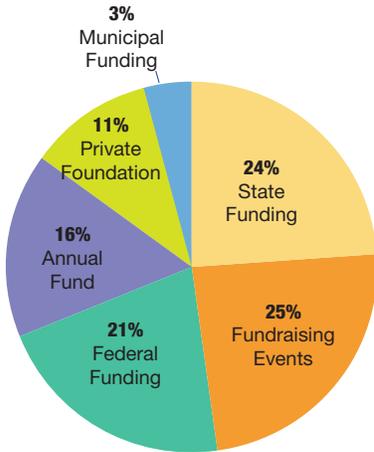


**10,000+ CHILDREN**  
with advocates  
since 1989

"CASA appealed to me because it is volunteer work where your contributions can make a positive, meaningful difference in the lives of children. It truly is about advocating for the children that cannot advocate for themselves."

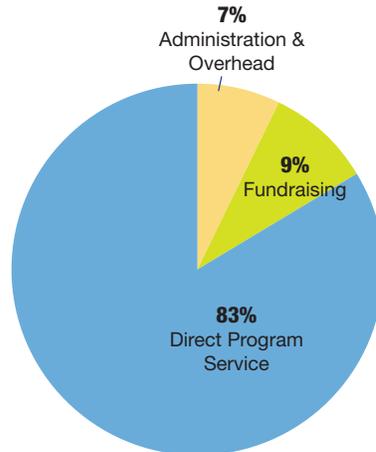
– Mark Linehan, CASA Volunteer Advocate

## FUNDING SOURCES



CASA of NH strives to maintain sound financial practices, a balanced budget, and diverse funding.

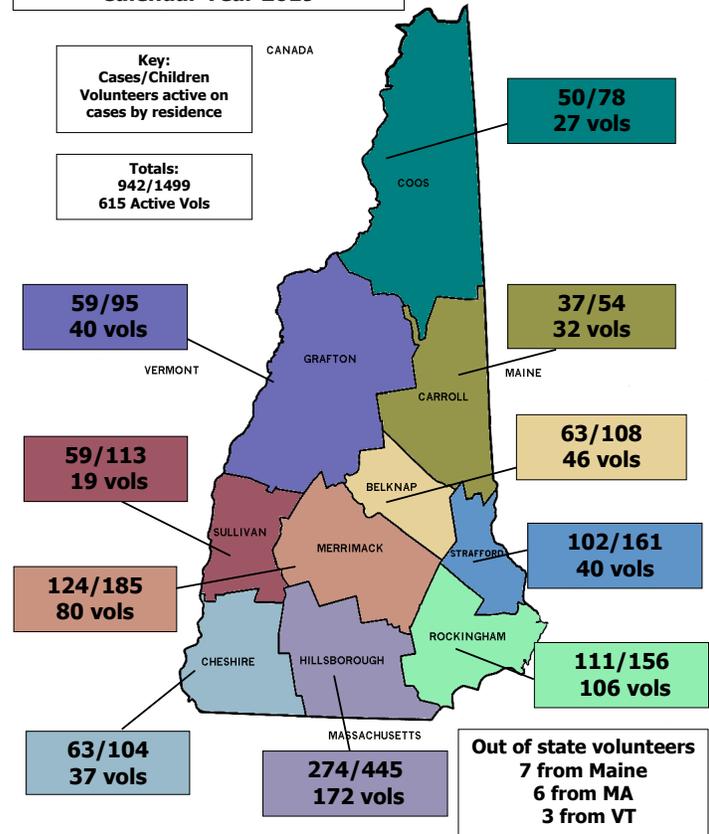
## FUNDING USES



Direct Program Service includes all costs related to program administration, including recruiting, training and supervising volunteer advocates.

## 2019 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS & CASES

### Active Cases and Volunteers for Calendar Year 2019



“Without a CASA to represent a child’s best interests and help ensure their safety and security, many of these at-risk children could face tragic outcomes. They are given a second chance. What could be more important than that?”

– Steve Friedman, CASA donor & committee member

## Did you know?

Seventy-five percent of the children and youth we serve are involved in cases where their parent or caregiver had a substance misuse issue.

We also represent children and youth with multiple disabilities, who are homeless, who are recent immigrants, refugees, and who are LGBTQ. They range in age from birth to 21, but court data indicates that **50 percent of the children in the system are younger than 5 years old.**

Our children suffer a variety of forms of abuse, ranging from physical abuse to neglect, sexual abuse or assault, domestic and/or family violence, human trafficking, medical neglect, and educational neglect.

These children cannot advocate for themselves. Thank you for your support!

## Because of you

In 2019, we advocated for children on 86 percent of the cases we were asked to take – up from 73 percent in 2018 thanks in part to an infusion of new volunteer advocates.

We cannot make this happen without your commitment to help change a child’s story.



## VISION

A world where every abused or neglected child is given the opportunity to thrive in a safe, permanent and nurturing home.

## MISSION

Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire provides a voice for abused and neglected children and youth by empowering a statewide network of trained volunteers to advocate on their behalf so they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.

## VALUES

In fulfilling its vision and mission the entire CASA organization – its Board of Directors, staff and volunteers is guided by the following values:

- Compassion
- Honesty
- Passion
- Courage
- Integrity
- Justice
- Respect
- Transparency