



## Kentucky CASA Network

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## **KCN Awarded 2024 Kentucky Bar Foundation Grant**

The Kentucky CASA Network, Inc. (KCN) received a \$3,000 grant from the Kentucky Bar Foundation to support the planning of a statewide Volunteer Recruitment Summit in October 2024 in Bowling Green, KY. The in-person summit, slated to bring together CASA staff, volunteers, board members, and stakeholders from across the state, aims to tackle the pressing issue of recruiting and retaining dedicated advocates for children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

Content for the summit is being informed by a Volunteer Recruitment Workgroup, led by the KCN's Manager of Community Engagement & Volunteer Recruitment. The workgroup and relevant subgroups consist of CASA volunteers, program directors, and advocate supervisors from 15 different local CASA programs. These participants have been engaging in conversations about best practices, challenges, and actionable steps to enhance volunteer recruitment and retention efforts statewide.

### **About the Kentucky CASA Network**

The Kentucky CASA Network is the state association for Court Appointed Special Advocates, as recognized in the Kentucky Revised Statutes, with a mission to support the development, growth, and continuation of local CASA programs in Kentucky. CASA programs recruit and train volunteers to advocate on behalf of children who have come into the court system as a result of dependency, neglect, or abuse. In 2023, 1,211 CASA volunteers advocated for 3,472 abused and neglected children statewide. Kentucky currently has a network of local CASA programs that covers 97 counties. For more information, please visit [www.kentuckycasanetwork.org](http://www.kentuckycasanetwork.org).

### **About the Kentucky Bar Foundation**

The Kentucky Bar Foundation is the nonprofit, charitable arm of Kentucky's legal community. Its mission is to further the public's understanding of the judicial system and the legal profession through programs and philanthropic partnerships that help those in need. The Kentucky Bar Foundation has given more than \$5 million since 1988 to agencies promoting justice and law-related education for Kentuckians. For more information, please visit [www.kybarfoundation.org](http://www.kybarfoundation.org) or call (502) 564-3795.

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