

FY2024 CASA Dashboard

Month	# Assigned Advocates (actual)	# Cases/families assigned to advocates	Assigned Case Expectation	Children with assigned CASA's	Active Coaches	# Cases Coached	# Advocates Coached	# Advocates sworn	CASA Applications filed	# volunteers exited	# volunteers on leave	# Volunteers available, unassigned
July	331	400	413	715	46	139	110	1	11	1	101	48
August	333	399	420	698	48	137	112	20	13	7	103	64
September	333	391	423	686	46	133	112	8	19	11	105	54
October	337	399	426	709	46	129	102	1	27	15	105	36

Hours & Miles donated to CASA of Iowa in FY2024

Month	Hours Contributed	Mileage Contributed
July	1,455	18,039
August	1,929	15,736
September	1,737	15,201
October	2,152	16,025

National CASA/GAL Association news:

- Local Program Highly Effective “on-site” (virtual) reviews are still slated to start in 2024, although no time frame has been announced.
- All 12 programs have submitted membership renewals with National CASA. The invoice for annual membership dues has been forwarded within HHS for approval and payment.
- Local programs and CASA Unit Supervisor are preparing for the 2023 National CASA Annual Survey. Typically, annual surveys are released in mid-January and programs have until mid-March to complete. There will also be a 6-month statewide aggregate report due to National CASA at the beginning of January reporting on CASA data from July through December 2023.
- National CASA Association status with their primary federal funder the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) remains unknown at this time. They are not opening any grant cycles, but remain committed to conducting the Local Program Highly Effective Reviews.

FY2024 CASA of Iowa planned initiatives:

- The CASA Program Committee has resumed in FY2024. This year's primary focus will be on:
 - aligning CASA Program policies with HHS policies, including Human Resources (staffing and volunteers), Compliance Division policies and Child and Family Well-being policies
 - defining what makes a court report to be of quality, then developing and implementing a quality assessment tool
 - The Board approved the CASA Program Policies in December 2022, effective January 2023. Although there are high-level changes that need to occur due to HHS alignment, CASA Unit Supervisor does not foresee a new Program Policy Manual release in 2024 unless changes in code or rules dictate the need for more immediate focus.
- The CASA child well-being assessment series pilot continues in two counties. State Organization CASA program staff are meeting with HHS to learn more about assessment platforms (other than Survey Monkey) and reporting software that will aggregate and create meaningful data reports. This could change the path of this project moving forward.
- Assessing current CASA service delivery locations based on court adjudication data to ensure our limited staff resources are utilized in the locations with the most opportunities to serve children and recruit volunteers. This work includes decisions on placement of the VOCA-funded position and potential CAMS changes needed for VOCA reporting.

Additional long-term initiatives for CASA of Iowa Programming:

- Improving volunteer participation in continuing education as means to improve advocacy and help CASA of Iowa meet the NCASA continuing education standard
- Continued work towards diversification of CASA volunteers. Would like to begin work with different teams in HHS to review and rewrite our DEI plan.