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CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in Need of Volunteers

CASA is looking for volunteer advocates to answer the call and speak up for an abused and/or neglected child. There is a <u>critical shortage</u> of volunteers to serve the nearly **1,800 children** involved with the child welfare system in Peoria, Tazewell, Marshall, Putnam and Stark counties. After completion of a pre-service training, volunteers need only commit to a minimum of 5 hours a month on their own schedule. CASA volunteers are officers of the court and monitor the progress of a child's case by speaking up for the best interests of the child.

To learn more about how you can Change a Child's Story™ please join us at a General Information Meeting in your area! Meetings are taking place July 25th from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the Peoria Public Library North Branch McKenzie Room, August 1st from 5:30 – 7:00pm at the Tremont District Library, and August 8th from 5:30 – 7:00pm at the Washington District Library. To get started immediately, contact us 309-669-2939 or casa@peoriacounty.org. Additional Information can be found at www.casaofthetenth.org.

For more info see:

www.CASAoftheTenth.org https://www.facebook.com/CASAoftheTenth/ https://twitter.com/CASAoftheTenth



About CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, FKA CASA of Peoria County, is a 501(c)3 non-profit, volunteer organization that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Abuse and Neglect Court system. Its existence is based on the belief that every child has the right to a safe and permanent home allowing them the chance to reach their full potential in life. The organization has been serving abused and neglected children since 2005. CASA is supported by Heart of Illinois United Way, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority with VOCA funds, and generous donors.