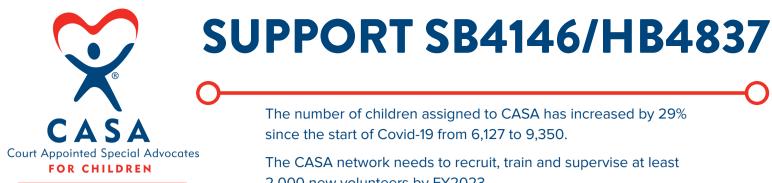
## **-ACT SHEET 2022**



ILLINOIS

Volunteers provided 266,784 hours of their time to advocate for the best interests of children who experienced abuse and or neglect. The value of their time alone last year: \$28.54 = \$7,614,015.00

The number of children assigned to CASA has increased by 29% since the start of Covid-19 from 6,127 to 9,350.

The CASA network needs to recruit, train and supervise at least 2,000 new volunteers by FY2023.

Funding for Illinois CASA has remained the same since 2019 when the number of youth assigned to Illinois CASA was 7,250 (\$491.00 per child).

The FY23 request is \$4,959,600 is reflective of increased number of children assigned across the Illinois CASA network.

## **Equitable & Targeted Funding**

Illinois CASA provides fiscal and programmatic accountability to the network with assistance in recruiting, screening and training over 3,500 volunteers and staff partners.

The majority of the network agrees that public dollars should be shared by all based on the number of children assigned by judges. The funding model we have used was voted on by members of the network who serve as representatives on the Board.

1.321 children returned to their home of origin in FY21.

Of the 2.552 cases which closed. the #1 permanency outcome was the reunification of a child with their family of origin.



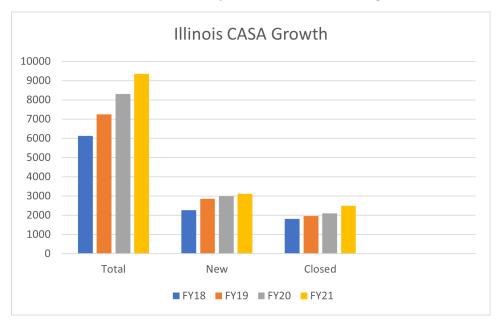
**ILLINOIS COUNTIES SERVED BY CASA** Counties with CASA Counties without CASA

Illinois CASA has experienced yearly growth in total children served, total active volunteers, and new volunteers trained since receiving state funding in 2019. Since 2019, the number of children served by CASA volunteers has increased from 6,124 to 9,350 and the total number of active CASA volunteers has increased from 2,233 to 3,573. These numbers were maintained throughout the past 18 months and many programs still expanded their services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **FUNDING IMPACT ON STATEWIDE OUTCOMES**

2019 – 2022	
↑ 52.6% Children Served by CASA Volunteers ↑	↑ 9 new counties served by Local CASA Programs
60% Total Active Volunteer Advocates	Marion, DeWitt, Hamilton, Grundy, Brown, Schuyler, Cass,
	Randolph

With the investment from the Illinois Legislature, the CASA footprint has expanded significantly. The chart below graphs our impact: the total number of children assigned to the network, the number of new children assigned to the network and the number of children who returned to a permanent, safe and loving home.



The Illinois CASA Network requests \$4, 959,600.00 in the 2023 Budget to support Court Appointed Special Advocates.