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Special State Project – Court Appointed Special Advocates of NJ (CASA of NJ)
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NJSFWC CASA Ambassador Training -- Elevator Speeches Developed

1. We have a great partnership with CASA. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. It is a nonprofit organization that recruits and trains community volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children to make sure they are safe and they receive services they need within the court and child welfare systems. These CASA volunteers are the eyes and ears of the court in the community. There are 11,000 children across the state who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect and only 1/3 of them have a CASA advocate. CASA’s goal is to get these children in safe and permanent homes. That means they would be reunified with family or adopted. For more information about CASA in general, go to www.casaofnj.org, but if you are interested in volunteering, you can go right to www.CASAforChildrenNJ.org.

2. Hey, have you heard that CASA is our State Special Project? Let me tell you more about it. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. There are 7000 children in NJ who need a CASA volunteer. There is a great need for volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children. This is the most difficult time for children. There are lots of ways to help, in addition to becoming volunteers. You can donate money to “NJSFWC” to support the state project CASA of NJ, donate duffel bags, books, or blankets. For more information about CASA in general, go to www.casaofnj.org, but if you are interested in volunteering, you can go right to www.CASAforChildrenNJ.org.

3. Hi, did you know that I’ve been working with CASA? It’s a Court Appointed Special Advocate service to help children that have been removed from their homes and placed into foster care. A CASA advocate works for the child and with the court, and makes sure that the child is placed in a safe and permanent home. Would you be interested in helping? You can be trained to help these children as a CASA volunteer, or you can donate or just learn more. For more information about CASA in general, go to www.casaofnj.org, but if you are interested in volunteering, you can go right to www.CASAforChildrenNJ.org.

4. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. It is a nonprofit organization that trains volunteers to become advocates for children in the foster care system. Volunteers are appointed by the court after going through 36 hours of training. They become the eyes and ears of the court and help the child get into a safe, permanent, and loving home. For more information about CASA in general, go to www.casaofnj.org, but if you are interested in volunteering, you can go right to www.CASAforChildrenNJ.org.