

Our Outstanding CASA Volunteers

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Swearing in Ceremony for CASA CLASS 43

Five community citizens will soon begin advocating for Merced County foster youth. Graduates of CASA's forty-third training class have completed 30 hours of training, 5 hours of courtroom observation, numerous background checks, multiple reference checks and will make a minimum commitment of 18 months to the child they will serve. Pictured from left to right are: Barbara Zapien, John McMillen, Daisy Hernandez, Judge Donald Proietti, Wendy Calderon, and Lupe Ibarra

A CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is a trained volunteer who is appointed by the Judge to represent the best interests of a child currently in foster care. The CASA Volunteer provides the presiding Juvenile Dependency Judge with recommendations that help the Court make difficult decisions about the child's future. No specific type of background is required to become a Volunteer. CASA of Merced County provides all necessary training needed to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate. Learn more about how to become a CASA Volunteer by visiting our website at www.mercedcasa.org or calling our office at 209-722-2272.

**Our next training class starts October 17, 2022;
would you like to join us?**

