

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #79-1

It is ordered that, effective October 16, 1978, there is established within Family Court the Office of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). The Office, acting through its Director, is responsible for:

1. establishing a permanent and effective case monitoring system for all children in placement who are under the jurisdiction of Family Court;
2. ensuring that there is a review at least once each year for every child in placement who is under the jurisdiction of Family Court;
3. ensuring that placement resources are providing quality care to children placed there by Family Court;
4. promoting improvement in procedures and services for children in placement, in conjunction with other state agencies such as the Departments of Social and Rehabilitative Services, Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals, and Corrections;
5. recruiting, training and supervising volunteer court appointed special advocates who will assume an investigatory and monitoring role in ensuring that the best interests of children are served;
6. investigating complaints of individual juveniles concerning their placement situation;
7. developing legislation aimed at strengthening and improving procedures and services effecting children in placement;
8. developing a public education program designed to inform the community about the role and responsibilities of the Office of CASA;
9. carrying out other tasks as may from time to time be assigned by the Chief Judge.

The Office of CASA, and its Director, is given all necessary authority and power to carry out the above tasks.

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CHIEF JUDGE,

2-9-79