



Organization Information

Legal Name

Voices for Children

DBA (if Applicable)

NA

Program Name/Title

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program

Brief Program Description

Voices for Children (VFC) fills a critical gap in the foster care system by providing children with Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers who serve one child at a time and learn the child’s needs, identify beneficial services, and advocate for them in court, healthcare settings, school, and elsewhere.

Projected number of residents that will directly benefit (participant/client) from this program. 18

Target Population - Age

	Percent of program participants	Number of participants
Children (infants to 12)	72	13
Young Adults (13-17)	28	5
Adults (18-60)		
Seniors (60+)		
We do not collect this data (indicate with 100%)*		

Target Population not collected - Age

NA

Target Population - Gender

	Percent of program participants
Female	56
Male	39
Non-binary/other	
Unknown*	5

*Target Population - Gender

NA

Target Population - Income Level

	Percent of program participants
Extremely Low-Income Limits, ceiling of \$32,100	100
Very Low (50%) Income Limits, ceiling of \$53,500	
Low (80%) Income Limits, ceiling of \$85,600	
Higher Than Listed Limits	
We do not collect this data (indicate with 100%)*	

*Target Population - Income Level

NA

What language(s) can this program accommodate:

English

Spanish

What demographic group does this program predominately serve:

Youth - other setting

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

The Fallbrook Regional Health District has identified several Social Determinants of Health that demonstrate a significant impact on the long term health and well being of our community. The following questions address how your program and/or services address these concerns.

Program/Services Description - Social Determinants of Health

Education Access & Quality (Early Childhood Education and Development, Enrollment in Higher Education, High School Graduation, Language and Literacy)

Healthcare Access & Quality (Access to Health Care, Access to Primary Care, Health Literacy)

Program Objectives & Measurable Outcomes

The goal of the project will be to provide CASA advocacy services to 18 children in foster care from the Fallbrook Regional Health District and monitor the cases of the children in the Fallbrook Regional Health District who do not require CASA advocacy. To achieve this goal, VFC will accomplish the following objectives in fiscal year (FY) 2025–26:

Objective No. 1: By June 30, 2026, VFC will match 18 children from the Fallbrook Regional Health District, including six funded through this grant, with CASA volunteers who will advocate on their behalf. At least 18 children will receive individualized advocacy from a CASA. This will be measured through an order from the court documenting the assignment of each CASA to the case of a child from the Fallbrook Regional Health District. VFC will track our progress by uploading court documentation of CASA assignments to each child’s case profile in CASA Manager, our database and case management system. Thus far, VFC has matched at least 18 children from the Fallbrook Regional Health District with their own dedicated CASA volunteers. Each child is benefiting from their relationship with a caring and consistent adult.

Objective No 2: By June 30, 2026, VFC will recruit and train 18 new CASA volunteers. At least 18 prospective CASA volunteers will complete Advocate University, VFC’s intensive CASA training program. This will be measured through

internal volunteer records, which will document completion of training requirements. VFC will track each CASA trainee's progress in CASA Manager. Thus far this fiscal year, VFC has recruited, screened, and trained 133 new CASA volunteers. These CASA volunteers are now advocating on behalf of vulnerable San Diego County children in foster care.

Objective No. 3: By June 30, 2026, VFC will provide Juvenile Court judges with comprehensive reports at each regularly scheduled hearing, typically held every six months, on behalf of CASA-served children in foster care. At least 18 court reports will be submitted to judges on behalf of children in foster care, enabling judges to make more informed decisions about the children and their needs. This will be measured through the San Diego County Juvenile Electronic Library System (JELS), the program that court reports are submitted through. Thus far into the fiscal year, at least 12 court reports have been filed on behalf of Fallbrook Regional Health District children in foster care; most of the other children served thus far have hearings scheduled for the third and fourth quarters of the year.

Anticipated Acknowledgment

Please describe how the Fallbrook Regional Health District's investment in this program will be acknowledged. This includes all print and electronic materials, press releases, website references, and any other form of written and verbal publicity that relates to the funded program.

Anticipated Acknowledgment

Social Media Postings

Financial Reporting & Budget

CASA Ginny: An Infant's Survival

CASA Ginny was assigned to Mia*, a 7-month-old infant, in early September 2025. Born at just 23 weeks, Mia entered the world facing overwhelming medical challenges and testing positive for amphetamines, methamphetamines, and opiates at birth. Her mother later admitted to active methamphetamine use and a 15-year history of weekly substance use. Due to her extreme prematurity and chronic lung disease, Mia has spent her entire life thus far in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Early on, medical professionals feared Mia would need lifelong ventilation and were uncertain whether she would survive beyond four months.

CASA Ginny, a 12-year CASA veteran, was assigned to Mia when she was just six weeks old. Now nine months old, Mia has made remarkable improvements in her medical condition. Throughout her hospitalization, CASA Ginny has been by her side every week—often several days at a time—holding her, comforting her, and serving as a consistent human connection while Mia's parents were no longer involved. Ginny frequently reads to her, including a letter written by Mia's aunt encouraging her to grow and live. She provides weekly updates to Mia's social worker and attorney and carefully coordinates with nurses and doctors, asking thoughtful questions to ensure the entire team has the most accurate picture of Mia's development. With special permission from the social worker, Ginny even washes Mia's clothes weekly to care for her in ways that go beyond medical treatment. According to the hospital social worker, Mia's survival beyond her initial four-month prognosis can be partially attributed to Ginny's consistent presence. During a court hearing in early February 2026, Mia's attorney publicly thanked CASA Ginny, and the judge herself noted how impressed she was by Ginny's advocacy after reviewing the court report.



Despite overwhelming medical challenges, Mia has shown remarkable resilience—and CASA Ginny has gone above and beyond to surround her with the love and attention she needed to survive. Ginny reports that Mia has made significant progress, and doctors now predict she will be discharged from the NICU within the coming weeks. Mia's social worker has already identified a loving set of caregivers ready to welcome her once she leaves the hospital. Ginny has shared her excitement to continue advocating for Mia as she transitions into her placement. During every visit, Ginny reminds Mia that she is brave, strong, and deeply loved. Her commitment exemplifies the profound impact a CASA volunteer can have on a child's life—and the life-changing difference made possible through your support.

**Names and images have been changed to preserve confidentiality. Mia has not yet experienced the outdoors—but she will soon, thanks in part to CASA Ginny and your support.*



Voices for Children

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We are grateful for the continued support of the **Fallbrook Regional Health District**, whose generosity enables Voices for Children to empower CASA volunteers to advocate for children in foster care. 💙

Your support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of vulnerable children in North San Diego County, helping them heal from trauma and access the resources they need to thrive.

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FRHD CHC GRANT BUDGET REPORTING FORM

Agency Name:

Voices for Children

PROGRAM NAME:

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program

The main categories align with the budget submitted with your application. Aggregate totals are all that should be reported under each heading.

1)	A	INDIRECT EXPENSES:	PROGRAM COST	REQUESTED FROM FRHD	<i>AMOUNT USED Q1</i>	<i>AMOUNT USED Q2</i>	<i>AMOUNT USED Q3</i>	<i>AMOUNT USED Q4</i>
		TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSE	\$20,316.00	\$0.00				
	B	PERSONNEL EXPENSES - PROGRAM SPECIFIC	PROGRAM COST	REQUESTED FROM FRHD	<i>AMOUNT USED Q1</i>	<i>AMOUNT USED Q2</i>	<i>AMOUNT USED Q3</i>	<i>AMOUNT USED Q4</i>
		TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE	\$39,096.00	\$15,000.00	\$3,375.00	\$3,375.00		
	C	DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES	PROGRAM COST	REQUESTED FROM FRHD	<i>AMOUNT USED Q1</i>	<i>AMOUNT USED Q2</i>	<i>AMOUNT USED Q3</i>	<i>AMOUNT USED Q4</i>
		TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$2,758.00	\$0.00				
	D	TOTALS	PROGRAM COST	FRHD Funds Awarded	Total Amount Q1	Total Amount Q2	Total Amount Q3	Total Amount Q4
			\$62,170.00	\$13,500.00	\$3,375.00	\$3,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

 Total funds expended to date: **\$6,750.00**