

CASA FOR CHILDREN OF KLAMATH COUNTY

Location: 403 Pine Street, 3rd Floor

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APPLICATION FOR COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (Middle I.) (Name you like to be called)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Telephones: Home _____ Business _____

Message/Cell _____ E-Mail _____

Maiden Name _____ Social Security Number _____

Other Previous Names (if applicable) _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Widowed _____ Sep. _____ Div. _____ Partner _____

Spouse or Partner's Name _____

Do you drive? Yes _____ No _____ Do you have access to a car? Yes _____ No _____

Drivers License Number and State: _____ Military Status _____

Date of Birth: _____ How long have you lived in this area? _____

Previous address if less than 5 years in county. _____

Are you bilingual? Y/N Ethnic Background: Caucasian _____ Native American _____
Black _____ Hispanic _____ Asian _____ Other _____

How did you hear about CASA? _____ Radio _____ TV _____ Newspaper _____ Presentation
_____ Newsletter _____ Community Mailer _____ Other (Please specify.) _____

AVAILABILITY

Are you willing to commit to 2 years of volunteer service? Yes _____ No _____

How many hours per week are you available? _____

What days and hours of the week are you available? _____

As a CASA volunteer, you will be required to attend court hearings for the children you represent. Will you be able to arrange your schedule to attend these hearings? Yes _____ No _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Do you have a high school diploma? Yes__ No__ Do you have a GED Certif.? Yes__ No__

Date received: _____ Highest grade completed: _____

Please list any schools or training received after high school.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Certificate or Degree</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

SKILLS

Working with Children. Have you had any experience working with or volunteering with children? Yes__ No__. Please explain.

Volunteering. Have you ever volunteered in the past? Yes__ No__ How do you define the word *advocate*?

Commitment. Please describe what the word *commitment* means to you.

Child and Family Issues. How important do you think it is for a child to be raised by his or her biological family? How much effort should the state utilize in providing services to the parents so that the family can be reunited?

Confidentiality. CASA volunteers are required to keep all information about their case confidential. How will you handle your family and friends' desire to know what you are doing on a case when you can't tell them?

Professionalism. As a CASA, you carry out an objective examination of the situation, working with a variety of agencies, attorneys and family members. There may be difficult issues that arise as you work on your case. What kinds of people bother you or make you angry? How do you deal with these people?

Diversity. Appreciating and understanding diversity, cultural sensitivity, and culturally appropriate advocacy for the children and families with whom the CASA program works are critical skills for volunteers. Have you ever had a negative experience working with someone from a different cultural, ethnic, political, racial, religious or economic background? Please explain.

Writing. CASA volunteers write reports for the court.

1. Have you had any writing experience? Yes ___ No ___.
2. Do you know how to use and do you have access to a computer? Yes ___ No ___.
3. Do you know how to use e-mail? Yes ___ No ___.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Beginning with your present job, please describe your work experience for at least the past five years. May we contact your employer(s)? Yes ___ No ___

Employer _____ Address _____

Job Title _____ Duties _____

Supervisor's Name/Title _____ Phone _____

Employer _____ Address _____

Job Title _____ Duties _____

Supervisor's Name/Title _____ Phone _____

Employer _____ Address _____

Job Title _____ Duties _____

Supervisor's Name/Title _____ Phone _____

REFERENCES

I hereby waive any right that I may have now or in the future to review any letter of reference submitted by the below listed people. I understand that, once signed, this agreement is irrevocable.

Signature _____ Date _____

Employment References (Please list at least one)

NAME	ADDRESS (include zip code)	TELEPHONE
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Personal or Character References. Please list at least three references below (two of whom are not related to the applicant).

NAME	ADDRESS REQUIRED (include zip code)	TELEPHONE
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK

Have you ever been arrested? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, where? _____
When? _____ Charge? _____
Conviction? _____ Sentence? _____

Do you presently have any court action pending? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, explain: _____

If an applicant is found to have committed a misdemeanor or felony that is unrelated to or would not pose a risk to children and would not negatively impact the credibility of the CASA program, the CASA program will consider the extent of the rehabilitation since the misdemeanor or felony was committed as well as other factors that may influence the decision to accept the applicant as a CASA volunteer.

Any applicant found to have been convicted of, or have charges pending for a felony or misdemeanor involving a sex offense, child abuse or neglect or related acts that would pose risks to children or the CASA program's credibility, is not accepted as a CASA volunteer.

CHILD WELFARE HISTORY CHECK

Have you ever had any involvement with the Department of Human Services/Child Welfare in the State of Oregon or any other state? Yes _____ No _____. If yes, please explain and give dates and county where information is filed.

Do you presently have a child welfare case pending? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, explain: _____

I hereby authorize CASA for Children of Klamath County, Klamath County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Human Services, through the FACIS Program, to investigate and obtain any and all information concerning my criminal and driving record including criminal records from the court jurisdiction in which the applicant resides and works, state criminal records, FBI or other national criminal database, national sex offender registry, child abuse registry or child protective services check, and social security number verification (whether same is of record or not), and I hereby release all persons, whomever, from any charge due to furnishing said information.

FINGERPRINTING OF ALL APPLICANTS IS A SCREENING REQUIREMENT OF THE PROGRAM.

I understand that any misrepresentation on the CASA application form, particularly the Criminal History Check and Child Welfare History Check, may be cause for disqualification or dismissal of my volunteer work.

Signature _____ Date _____

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