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**OREGON CASA NETWORK RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT TO IMPROVE  
ABILITY TO SUPPORT OREGON'S VULNERABLE YOUTH**

**Salem, OR – February 12, 2020** – The National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem (CASA/GAL) Association for Children awarded a \$2,850 Professional Development grant to Oregon CASA Network.

Oregon CASA Network supports 22 local CASA programs statewide that recruit, train, and support volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect.

The grant will pay for OCN's participation in the National CASA/GAL annual conference and professional development institute to enhance leader skills and better serve children who have a CASA/GAL advocate.

There are 950 CASA/GAL programs nationwide, including 45 state offices.

The federal grant funds distributed through National CASA/GAL are provided by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, US Department of Justice, as authorized under the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990. In 2018, National CASA/GAL was awarded nearly \$10 million in federal grants.

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**About Oregon CASA Network**

Oregon CASA Network, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is Oregon's state CASA organization. Its mission is to lead Oregon's CASA programs to provide a strong voice for every abused and neglected child statewide. Oregon's 22 local CASA programs recruit, train, and support volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect.

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