Interested in becoming a Board member for the Oregon CASA Network?
About Us

Who we are

The Oregon CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Network supports local CASA programs across Oregon that speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children experiencing protective custody. The OCN works with local CASA programs to promote and support quality volunteer advocacy to help ensure each child a safe, permanent, and nurturing home.
Mission

Mission:
Our mission is to support and unite local CASA programs to promote volunteer advocacy on behalf of children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect.

Vision:
Our vision is a world where all children have a safe place to call home and the opportunity to thrive.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Community:
We value the integral role communities play for children and families and prioritize the transformative impact and strength of collective partnerships to support every child’s health, safety, and belonging.

Inclusion:
We value diverse wisdom and knowledge gained through both lived and learned experience to more effectively address the inequities that impede the safety and well-being of children and families.

Justice:
We value children’s fundamental right to have their needs met and voices heard and prioritize interrupting oppressive systems and structures, so every child can be safe and live with dignity and respect.

Integrity:
We value honest, ethical, and accountable conduct that honors our partnerships and our mutual goal to advocate for the best interest of every child.
OCN board members ensure that the OCN fulfills its mission by promoting the work of CASA programs in Oregon to advocate for children, by overseeing OCN's fiscal management and health, by setting policies to direct the business of OCN consistent with its bylaws, by promoting the work of the OCN to funders and decisionmakers, and through helping ensure that the OCN has adequate resources to advance the goal that all children in protective custody in Oregon have the support of a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

## Board Roles

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<td>Adopt the annual budget and ensure that proper financial controls are in place</td>
<td>Establish and periodically review OCN’s goals and objectives.</td>
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<td>Select/hire the OCN Director and define the Director’s responsibilities.</td>
<td>Provide professional support to the OCN Director to further the goals of OCN and assess annually the Director’s job performance.</td>
<td>Ensure legal and ethical integrity and accountability</td>
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<td>Strategically recruit and mentor new Board members</td>
<td>Represent statewide perspective in deliberations and bring a unique professional perspective to Board deliberations</td>
<td>Actively promote OCN’s purpose and mission through effective communication with the public, the press, legislative members and other elected officials, community partners, and others as appropriate</td>
<td>Elect Board officers at the annual meeting of the Board</td>
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| Equity | Respect | |
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| Embrace and promote equity, diversity and inclusion in all Board matters | Take no private/personal action that will compromise the Board or staff. Respect the potential confidentiality of information shared with and by OCN Board members or OCN staff | |
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**Board Roles**

- **Learn**
  - Become familiar with the history of the National CASA Association and its model for child advocacy.

- **Understand**
  - Understand local CASA program operations including advocate recruitment, screening, training, supervision, and support.

- **Articulate**
  - Understand and be able to articulate CASA’s unique role in the court and child welfare systems.

- **Donate**
  - Make an annual financial contribution.

- **Review**

- **Time**
  - Understand and agree that OCN Board service requires an average time commitment of between three and ten hours per month.

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**CASA/GAL Best-Interest Advocacy**

- **LEARN**
  - Learn all you can about the child and his or her family and life.

- **ENGAGE**
  - Engage with the child during regular visits.

- **COLLABORATE**
  - Collaborate with others to ensure that necessary services are provided and are in the child’s best interest.

- **REPORT**
  - Report what you havelearned and observed to the court.

- **RECOMMEND**
  - Speak up for the child’s best interests in court. Make recommendations regarding the child’s placement and needed services, and monitor the child’s situation until the case is released by the court.
Apply

Does our mission and expectations sound like a good fit for you?

Fill out our online application.

Apply now

Review

Once we have received your application the Board will review the application and you will be contacted for an interview.

Election

Upon approval from the Board, your candidacy will be added to the ballot during the Annual Membership Meeting in May 2024. Here the network will vote to determine your seat on the OCN Board.

Onboarding

If you are elected to serve, you will receive onboarding support by the start of your term, July 2024.

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Thank You

We look forward to learning more about you!

Meanwhile, feel free to visit our website to learn more about the OCN, our current Board and staff, and access local program sites nearest you.

OCN Equity Statement

Website
www.oregoncasanetwork.org