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Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

OFCY Site Spotlight

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Presentation Overview

- What is Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program?
- Overview of Organizational Structure
- ACCASA's OFCY Grant
- Funding & Building Strong Collaborative Relationships

Who is Alameda County CASA?

- Established in 1987
- Alameda County Health Care - Administration
- Friends of CASA – non-profit 501c3
- Presiding Juvenile Court Judge oversight
- Mission – Connect young people in foster care with trained volunteer advocates who promote their best interest, provide stability, and help them build a bright future





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Alameda County Health

**Cross-agency
Programs**



**Environmental
Health Department**
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Department**
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**Behavioral Health
Department**
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and Communities**



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
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Healthy Schools and Communities (HSC) Strategies

Results Focus



OFCY Funding Strategy: Youth Leadership and Development

Services to 25 Oakland foster youth (birth to 21)

Legal advocacy
Medical/mental health access
Education Support
Family/sibling visits
Collaboration with youth professional team

Program Goals

Ensure each youth lives in a safe and stable home
Provide educational, physical, and mental health support
Promote extracurricular and cultural engagement
Build independent living skills
Prepare youth for long-term economic security

Types of Youth Activities

Cultural &
Community
Events

Education
Support

Extra- Curricular
Experiences

Independent
Living Skills

Demographics of Youth Served

28

FY22-23

25

FY23-24

25

FY24-25
3rd Quarter

Female	61%	60%	64%
Black/African American	68%	44%	56%
Latinx/Hispanic	29%	40%	32%
> 5 years old	21%	16%	20%
6-10 years old	36%	32%	12%
11-15 years old	18%	36%	44%
16-21 years old	25%	16%	24%



Oakland Youth Stories

Ollie's Story (name changed)

Ollie, an 11-year-old, needed a tablet—and received one through CASA's donation program. His CASA volunteer helped him set it up with a secure passcode and showed him how to use key features, including the voice-to-text tool. Ollie was especially excited that the device was just for him. During setup, he explored Google Maps, found his home, and identified places he loves—like the park and basketball court. He even mapped out his usual bike routes. This experience helped Ollie gain new skills, build confidence with technology, feel more connected to his neighborhood, and strengthen his relationship with his CASA.

Jaden's Story (name changed)

Jaden is 19 years old and is in college major in psychology. They made the Dean's List for the third time and has enrolled in the college's foster youth support programs. Jayden is doing well and is working on juggling job, classes, mental health, and social life. Jayden's CASA describes them as having a wonderful can-do attitude and is a joy to be around. Jayden has a wonderful group of supportive friends in the LGBTQ+ dorm and feels they has found "their people" and can be their true self.





A Youth Story

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