

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD FROM NEBRASKA CASA ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT A
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR SARPY COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2012), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 2012), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, funding was available to Sarpy County from the Nebraska CASA Association to support a Volunteer Coordinator in Sarpy County; and,

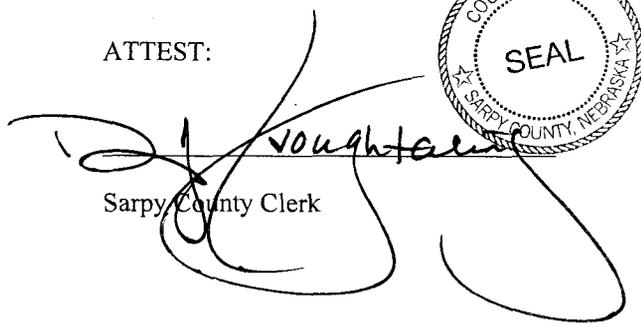
WHEREAS, funding has been awarded to Sarpy County from the Nebraska CASA Association for a Volunteer Coordinator; and,

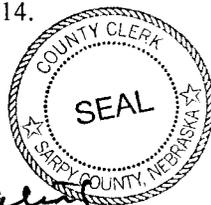
WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports funding for a CASA Volunteer Coordinator; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, that the award from the Nebraska CASA Association for a Volunteer Coordinator is hereby approved.

The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 9th day of September, 2014.


Sarpy County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarpy County Clerk



Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

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MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board

From: Lisa A. Haire

Re: CASA Award

On September 9, 2014, the County Board will be asked to approve the award for 2014-2015 Nebraska CASA funding. The award provides \$15,600 to support a Volunteer Coordinator from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The Volunteer Coordinator works to recruit, screen, and train advocates for abused and neglected children in Sarpy County.

Please do not hesitate to contact Georgie Scurfield if you have comments or questions.

September 5, 2014

Lisa A. Haire

593-1565

cc: Mark Wayne
Brian Hanson
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August 28, 2014

Georgie Scurfield, Director
Sarpy County CASA
1210 Golden Gate Drive
Papillion NE 68046

Dear Georgie:

Congratulations on your 2014-15 Nebraska CASA Award to support a Volunteer Coordinator. We are pleased to be able to provide \$15,600 from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to support your important work in recruiting, screening and training volunteer advocates for abused and neglected children.

Nebraska CASA Association has contracted with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services in order to receive these funds which will reimburse the cost of a Sarpy County CASA volunteer coordinator at the rate of \$1300 per month.

We wish you great success with your recruitment and training and look forward to assisting you in your efforts. Please feel free to contact me at 800.788.4772 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Corrie Kielty
Executive Director

Nebraska CASA
Association
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Children's Justice Act

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Fact Sheet

The Children's Justice Act (CJA) provides grants to States to improve the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child victim. This also includes the handling of child fatality cases in which child abuse or neglect is suspected and some cases of children with disabilities and serious health problems who also are victims of abuse and neglect.

Since Fiscal Year 2000, \$17 million in CJA funds have been made available annually for distribution to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands. States must apply for the funds and meet certain eligibility requirements, including receipt of the CAPTA State Grant and establishment of a CJA Task Force as outlined in the legislation. Funds are allocated in the amount of \$50,000 per State, plus an additional amount based on the population of children under 18 years of age in the applicant's jurisdiction. Funding comes from the Crime Victims' Fund, which collects fines and fees charged to persons convicted of Federal crimes. The Fund is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) and the grants are awarded by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as outlined in Section 107 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended, by the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003.

Typical CJA activities:

- Developing curricula and conducting training for personnel in law enforcement and child protective services, as well as health and mental health professionals, prosecutors and judges.
- Establishing or enhancing child advocacy centers and other multidisciplinary programs to serve child victims and their families in order to minimize trauma.
- Establishing and supporting local and/or State child fatality review teams, including multidisciplinary training, team development, and annual reporting.
- Supporting the enactment of laws to improve systems response, including allowing the admission of indirect testimony of children into evidence, making the courtroom setting less intimidating to children, increasing the penalties for sexual offenses against children, requiring mandatory sentencing, shortening the trial process, and permitting victims to make statements prior to sentencing.

To be eligible for CJA funds, States must be eligible for the CAPTA Basic State Grant and are required to establish and maintain a multidisciplinary Task Force on children's justice. The Task Force is to be comprised of representatives from selected disciplines involved in handling child abuse and neglect cases.

The Task Force makes policy and training recommendations regarding methods to better handle these cases, with the expectation that it will result in reduced trauma to the child victim and the victim's family, while insuring fairness to the accused.

Every three years after the initial award, the Task Force is required by legislation to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the State's systems related to the investigative, administrative and judicial handling of child abuse, neglect and exploitation cases and child maltreatment-related fatalities and make recommendations for improvements to those systems.

* On March 10, 2000, the President signed the CAPE (Child Abuse Prevention and Enforcement) Act into law, which provides for an increase in funds for the Children's Justice Act from \$10 million to as much as \$20 million per year. Under CAPE, in any year in which the amount of fine collections in the Fund rises above the FY 1998 level of \$333 million, half of the increase up to a total of \$20 million, will go toward funding CJA.