



**CASA REPORT TO THE COURT
McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

*This report presents findings of the CASA volunteer serving in an advisory capacity to the Court.
This report is confidential and is intended only for the parties listed on the signature page.*

In the interest of:
Child's Name

DOB:
mm/dd/yyyy (age y.o.)

Case #:
JA

Hearing Date: month d, yyyy – hearing type

HEARING DATE SUMMARY:

Shelter Care Hearing: mm/dd/yyyy
Adjudicatory Hearing: mm/dd/yyyy
Disposition Hearing: mm/dd/yyyy
CASA Appointed: mm/dd/yyyy
Last Permanency Hearing: mm/dd/yyyy
Last Court Date: mm/dd/yyyy

CASE HISTORY:

Leave blank – Advocate Manager completes this section

CONTACTED PARTIES:

*List child first
List contacted parties with dates and contact type
Group types together, then list chronologically*

CASE MEETINGS:

*List any meetings occurred during the time of the report or expected dates
Include ACR, CFTM, CIPP, Staffing, etc.
If no meetings for the current report, remove heading*

FINDINGS:

Child

Summary of interactions and information gathered during the time of this report.

(Individual interactions do not need to be listed by date. Instead, organize findings by topics.)

ONLY include OBJECTIVE, NEUTRAL findings based on facts and observations. Findings must include information to support information in "CASE SUMMARY" (below).

CASA's are invisible and you should not identify yourself in the report. IF you must, refer to yourself as "CASA." Do not use personal pronouns to refer to yourself.

For confidentiality purposes, do not use identifying names; this includes foster parent names, teachers, therapists, schools, etc. Refer list of accepted acronyms.

Topics to review MIGHT include:

- *Placement and stability*
 - o *interactions with household members*
 - o *placement changes since last report*
 - o *behavior information from caregivers*
- *Medical and mental health needs or updates*
 - o *access and follow-through with services*
 - o *needs for possible assessments or re-evaluations*
 - o *reported progress*
- *Educational needs or updates*
 - o *attendance challenges*
 - o *needed accommodations or IEP/504 updates; tutoring*
- *Visitation observations and schedules*
 - o *info about both parent and sibling visits*
 - o *barriers to executing visits*
- *Independence planning*
 - o *post-secondary education planning, services, follow-through*
 - o *employment skills building and follow-through*
 - o *housing, transportation, healthcare, financial planning*
- *Cultural considerations*

Next Child

Summary of interactions and information gathered during the time of this report. Repeat information that pertains specifically to this child. Use guides listed above.

CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS CASE SUMMARY:

- *Highlight major observations, especially if court should take action*
- *Keep list short but complete; target 3-5 bullets in addition to 2 bullets below*
- *Number of months in child welfare: xx months (as of this court report)*
- *Number of placements: child – #, child – #*

Respectfully submitted,

Court Appointed Special Advocate

Date: _____

CASA Advocate Manager

Date: _____

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