



2020 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

**CASA OF
LARIMER COUNTY**

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a reflection

WHERE WE ARE NOW

Pandemic. Social distancing. Virtual. Unprecedented. These buzz words will define 2020 in years to come. For CASA of Larimer County (CLC), we will remember 2020 as a year of resilience and innovation. It was a year of personal and professional growth for our CLC family and we adapted in ways we could have never imagined.

We were inspired by the countless ways our team, volunteers, community partners, and donors stepped up in greater ways to fill gaps for vulnerable children that were widened by the pandemic. The CLC team moved seamlessly into virtual formats for supervised visitation, CASA information sessions, training new volunteers, and swearing in ceremonies with the Chief Judge. Volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, and talents used video chats and technology to stay connected to children and participate in the court process. Our amazing volunteers celebrated birthdays, delivered meals, donated tablets, and spent quality time advocating for children while remaining safe and physically distanced. With generous contributions from our donors and community partners, we were able to be innovative in how we supported the individual needs of children and families.

Despite ever-changing circumstances, the quality of advocacy for children and families never wavered.

Prior to the pandemic, we had been asking what it would take to serve every child who needs the services of CLC. We knew it would take more volunteers, increased staff, a new home for the organization, and increased sustainable financial contributions. Through the pandemic, we stayed focused on these goals. We secured two additional sustaining grant partners, trained 85 new CASA volunteers, and continued to keep families connected through visitation. We developed a five-year strategic plan to close the

gap on the resources needed to serve every child and refreshed our mission and vision statements to reflect our hope for a better future for every child we serve.

As we look strategically at the next five years, we recognize CLC will require a new home- a place to belong for every child, youth, and family we reach with our mission. We spent significant time in 2020 conducting a third party needs-assessment to understand the kind of environment we need to train volunteers while providing high quality advocacy. We need a place to call home that is situated between the cities of Fort Collins and Loveland that is nearly 10,000 square feet in size. We have thoughtfully begun the search for a solution to ensure we can meet the community's needs for years to come.

Through your own personal challenges, responsibilities, and stresses of 2020, you have never lost sight of the need to provide a consistent, caring presence and a voice for the children we serve. Thank you for being resilient and finding safe ways to adjust advocacy, connections, and operations throughout a year when the only constant was change.

We look forward to a year filled with hope and endless possibilities. Thank you for all you've done and continue to do for children and families in our community.

With sincere gratitude and hope,



Sabrina Stoker
Executive Director



Wendy Banks
Board President



2020 IMPACT

at a glance

"The best part of being a CASA for me has been seeing the kids grow and reach milestones that you helped them achieve through advocacy. I know they have a brighter future now."

- Shannon
CASA Volunteer

566

children benefited from services

7,985

hours of advocacy by CASAs

1,465

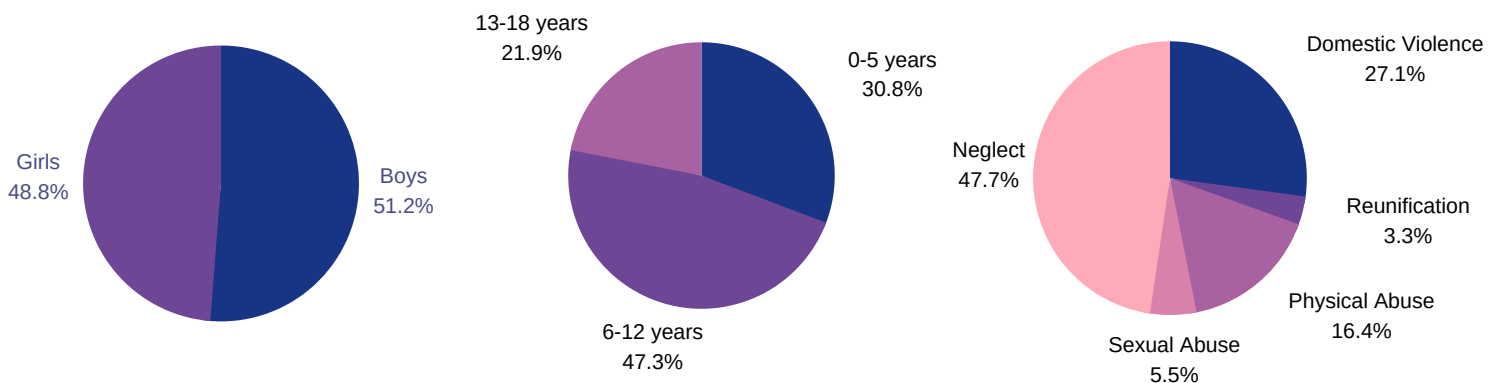
safe visits + exchanges

Our Mission is...

To advocate for safe, nurturing, and permanent connections to family and community so children who have experienced abuse and neglect have the opportunity to thrive.

CHILD DEMOGRAPHICS

2020





THE CASA PROGRAM

Updates + Takeaways



FOSTERING FUTURES

We know that young adults need support as they navigate independence. Youth who age out of foster care without permanency are no exception. They need someone by their side to offer guidance, help them work through challenges, and celebrate their successes. No one should have to figure it all out on their own. CASA volunteers are helping youth prepare for independence.

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program pairs trained volunteers with children who have experienced abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers monitor child wellbeing and advocate for their best interests in court. Most importantly, they are a constant, comforting presence for a child experiencing what can be an overwhelming and frightening time in their life.

In 2020, **181 CASA volunteers** advocated for the **296 children** on their cases. Volunteers reported the well-being of these children as follows:

- 97% were receiving medical care as needed
- 90% were doing well with school attendance
- 68% were meeting academic expectations
- 71% received educational advocacy
- 73% remained in a stable placement, and of those who moved homes, 93% changed placements to support their best interests

"I became a CASA almost a year ago and am so impressed with this organization and the true value we bring to a child's life! I am proud to be a CASA."

- Georgy
CASA Volunteer



VISITATION & EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Updates & Takeaways

The Visitation & Exchange program provides supervised visitation and custody exchange services. Documentation from these services helps the court determine whether it's safe for a child to begin unsupervised visitation, or return to the custody of their parent(s) or guardian(s). In 2020, we expanded services to include parenting programs and case management.

Taking a holistic, family-centered approach, the Visitation and Exchange program has the opportunity to strengthen parenting skills and provide connections to community resources to support the family long after services at CLC end. Combining these services makes a real impact on the rates of recurrence of child abuse and neglect in our community.

In 2020...

270

children benefited
from visitation &
exchange services

96%

of families
maintained or
improved bonds

100%

of parents
completing NPP
improved parenting
skills

NURTURING PARENTING PROGRAM (NPP)

NPP is a trauma-informed approach to parenting classes. Parents participate in customized lessons to build their parenting skills and knowledge. During visits with their child, parents implement skills and lessons learned with the support of parent coaching from their family case manager.

"Your work and these classes have been invaluable to me as a parent. The kids and I are going to miss you very much. I have learned so much and would like to continue receiving these resources so I can continue to grow as a parent for my children"

-Johnathan

Client

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

CASA of Larimer County is grateful for the trust our donors and funders place in our organization. We are committed to sound fiscal management, transparency, and the long-term sustainability of our organization.

2020 PROFIT & LOSS

INCOME

Grants & Contributions	\$880,238
Fee for Services	\$47,862
Special Events	\$107,103
Interest Income	\$37,283
Total	\$1,072,486

EXPENSES

CASA	\$400,614
Visitation	\$345,141
M & A	\$57,813
Fundraising	\$110,029
Total	\$913,597

Net Income \$158,888

**Audited financials will be available in May 2021.*

Why We Support...

"Thank you so much for making us feel included in your mission. We really love what CASA is doing and the effectiveness of the help you are bringing to these kids and families. You are doing what we look for in a nonprofit. Providing leadership and vision so there is hope and a brighter future for the people you serve."

- Alesa & Bill
CLC Donors



**LIGHT OF HOPE RAISED
A RECORD-BREAKING
\$107,000!**



"This is why I am a CASA myself. A child needs hope. I know firsthand how an advocate can reshape a child, and the ripple effect they can have on future generations."

- Taliah
Keynote Speaker

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A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER



2,031

Feeding Our
Community Meals
delivered

22

tablets, laptops,
& hot spots
distributed

2,470

Zoom
Meetings

400 +

Masks
distributed

\$2,850

in grocery &
restaurant gift cards
to address client
food insecurity



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