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We need you! To give the children a voice...

What is CASA?

A CASA is a (Court Appointed Special Advocate) community member appointed by a judge to represent the best interest of a child in court.

What does a CASA do?

Each volunteer will visit the child once a month, attend scheduled hearings, make recommendations to the court and gather information for a court report. Through, advocacy, our work in Yakama Children's Court will seek to assure safe, permanent placement or reunification as quickly as possible.

Why do we need CASA?

Many Yakama children find themselves in a court room where a judge is deciding their future. We need CASA because all advocates are volunteers that can provide independent information, have 1-2 cases they focus on compared to Social Workers that have 30+ cases. Children who have a CASA Advocate will spend less time in Foster Care and less likely to re-enter the system.

Who are we looking to recruit?

Yakama Nation CASA Program is seeking community members that have strong writing skills, organized, dependable and passionate about ensuring the future of the community.

Volunteer Today!!

How:

- ◆ Submit Application
- ◆ Pass Background Check (access to children)
- ◆ Attend CORE CASA Training
- ◆ 3 court observations
- ◆ Oath & Affirmation
- ◆ Appointment of Case

Questions?

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