



**CHILD ADVOCATES**  
EL DORADO COUNTY

## CASA EL DORADO ANNUAL REPORT

2014

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Change a Child's Life... Forever

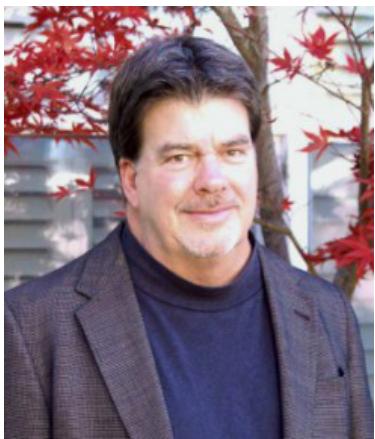




## CASA El Dorado Mission

**A passionate and powerful voice - CASA El Dorado's trained and court appointed volunteers advocate on behalf of abused children and at-risk youth. Together with our communities involvement and generous support, we will positively impact the lives of our children.**

# Letter from our Executive Director



As another fiscal year closes, we have much to be grateful for. Once again over 125 dedicated CASA volunteers provided quality advocacy for over 300 children throughout El Dorado County. This represents over \$500,000 in their donated time. It also represents well over a million dollars in savings to the community, by cutting in half the number of children who will reenter the child welfare system because they had the caring assistance of a CASA Advocate.

Children who suffer abuse and neglect and end up in the child welfare system, historically produce 70% of the state prison population and 80% of these children meet the diagnostic criteria for at least one significant mental health issue. The range of societal issues that child abuse and neglect produce are both costly and incredibly difficult to solve later in life.

However, together we are making a significant difference for these children and their families, right here and right now in El Dorado County. Children who have a CASA Advocate will receive more services, do better in school, spend significantly less time in foster care and have better long term outcomes.

Despite our documented success and the value we bring to the community through the efforts of our volunteers supported by our dedicated staff, we have never been able to serve all the children that the court has assigned to us in a given year. We lack the sufficient volunteers and financial resources to serve all the children we are assigned by the Juvenile Judges each year.

Please consider not only helping us yourself, but help us by telling our story and inspiring others to join this most noble of causes. We cannot do this work without you, but with you we can help our community become much healthier, safer and productive, one child at a time.

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# CASA El Dorado Board of Directors

The volunteer Board of Directors meets 9 times per year, and each member works regularly on a board committee. Board of Directors members ensure that the CASA mission is fulfilled, participate in the development of long-range plans, set and approve policies and financial management, assume primary responsibility for fundraising projects, and personally participate in and contribute to CASA events and projects.

As current Board President Tom Makris recently reflected, "Serving on the board for CASA is both an honor and a privilege. CASA ultimately provides a critical role that some might argue is a void in government services. We prefer to look at it as a community organization stepping in and providing a service in a very effective and efficient manner, in partnership with a variety of government and private agencies. It truly does take a village to support these kids during their journey in the child welfare system and help them find permanent placements that provide a caring and stable home."

Board terms are three years, with the possibility of an additional three year term. If you or someone you know is interested in board membership please contact the Executive Director for more information.



**"Our shared vision is to ensure that every child in El Dorado County has the opportunity to grow up in a safe and permanent home"**

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# Financial Report

## REVENUE

Grants & contributions	\$257,836
Government Contracts	\$62,210
Special Events (less direct cost of \$40,883)	\$94,516
In-kind contributions	\$70,440
Investment Income	\$16,953
Rental Income	\$7,500
Net assets released from restrictions	\$10,724
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>\$520,179</b>

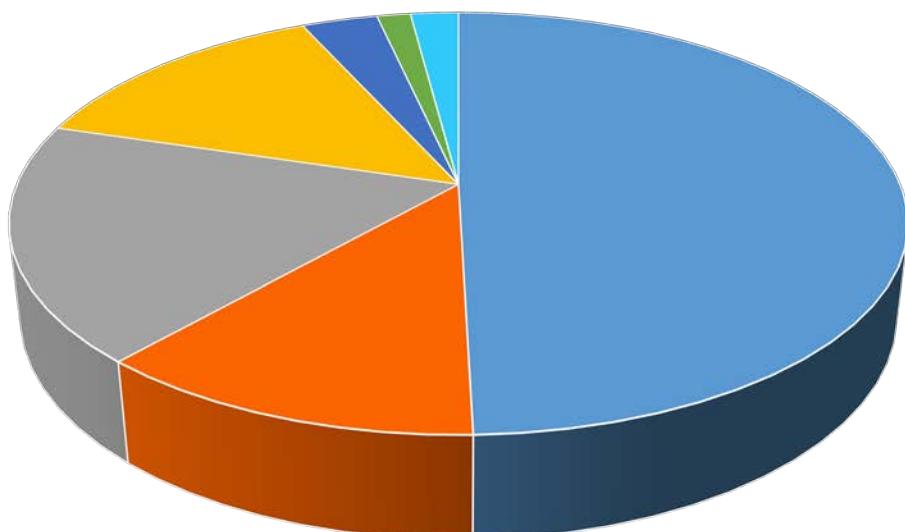
## EXPENSES

Programs	\$459,342
Fundraising	\$56,530
G&A	\$42,329
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$558,201</b>

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Revenue  
Fiscal Year  
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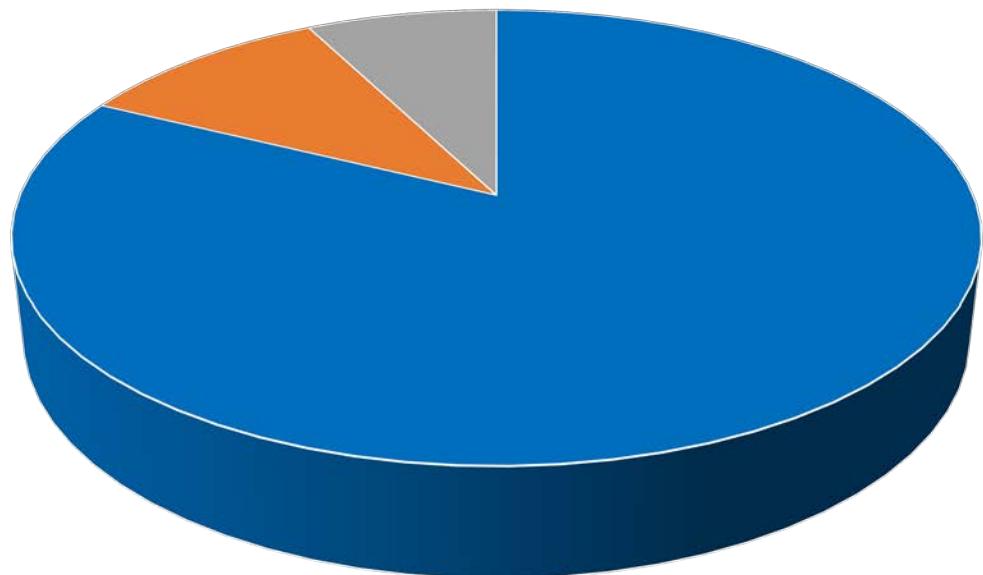


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- Special Events less direct cost of 40,883
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- Programs
- Fundraising
- G&A

# Role of CASA Advocates

Support the child throughout proceedings until placement

Establish relationship with the child through regular visitation

Communicate the child's needs in writing & in court

Conduct independent investigations

Ensure the courts orders are being carried out

Appear at all court proceedings

Review records & reports

## Foster Youth: Outcomes

50% become homeless within 18 months of emancipation

Only one in 10 attend college

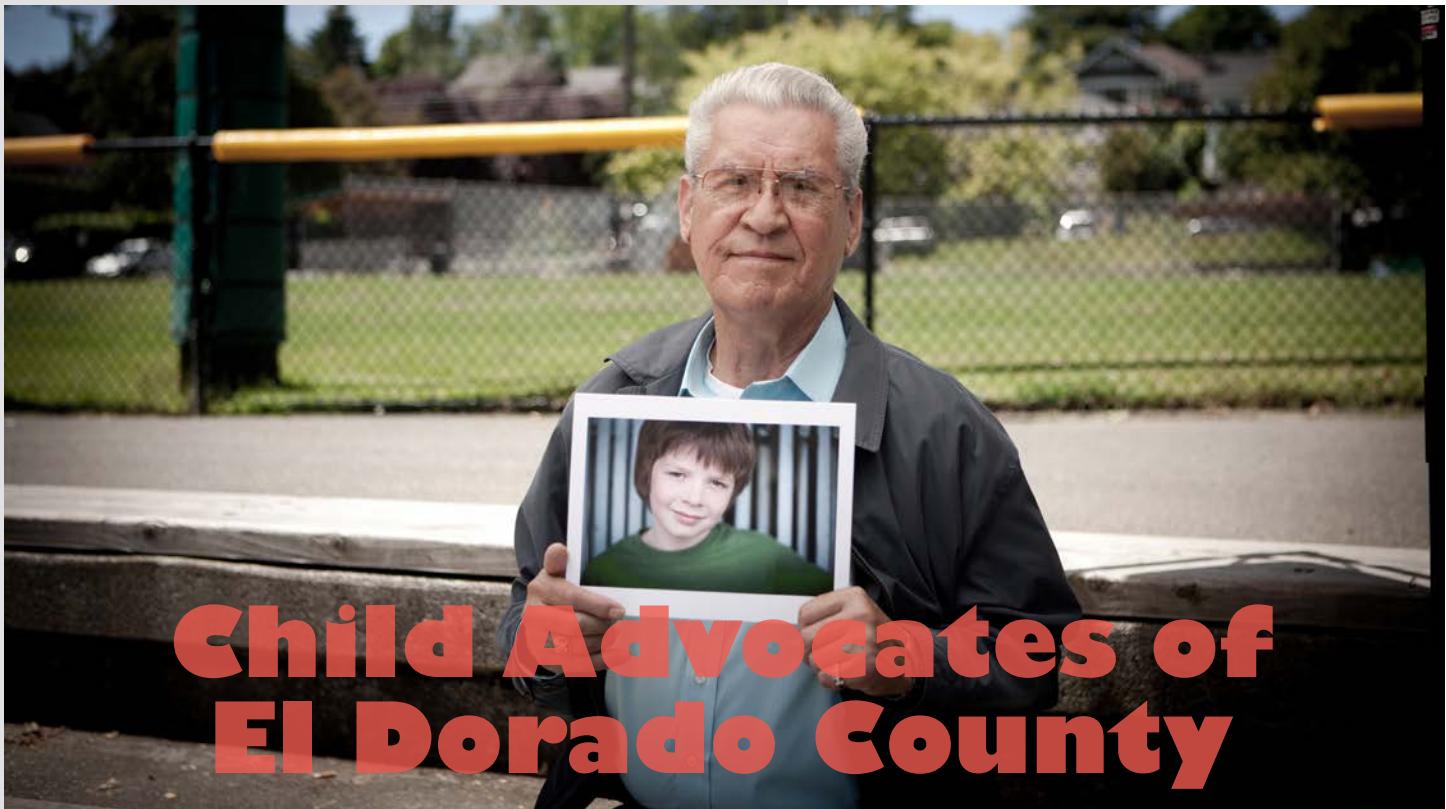
70% of CA prison population from foster care

80% have significant mental health issues

65% of victims of sex trafficking (below 21)

One third of abused children become abusers





# Child Advocates of El Dorado County

**CASA's caseload - typically one case per advocate**

**Focused & sustained attention**

**Consistent element in child's life**

**Better outcomes**

**More targeted services for child & family**

**Half as many in "long term foster care"**

**50% less likely to reenter foster system**

**California Median Averages**

**166 children/program**

**\$2,400 per child/year**

**El Dorado County**

**350 children**

**\$1,400 per child/year**



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*Holiday Party*



*Casablanca*



*Box Lunch*



*In The Courtroom*



*Graduation Day*

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