



Family Court Seeks Community Volunteers

Every year in Stark County, hundreds of children are abused and neglected. Many of these children are removed from their homes and placed in foster care for their own protection. In these instances, Family Court Judges David Stucki, Jim James, or Michael Howard will determine the child's future. To help make this important decision, the judge looks to many people, including a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) who acts as a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for the child.

CASA/GAL volunteers are men and women from all walks of life. They generously give of their time to gather as much information as they can about these abused or neglected children. To do this, they talk to parents, relatives, teachers and neighbors. Most importantly, they take time to talk with the child.

If you have a passion for children, and concern for their welfare; and you are a caring, patient, objective adult, over 21, then you can become a court-appointed CASA/GAL volunteer.

CASA training is about to begin. To find out more about becoming a CASA/GAL in Stark County, call 330.451.7914 today; or e-mail us at www.jaclayto@co.stark.oh.us.