

## Agency Quarterly Report Cover Sheet

**Agency: CASA of Vermilion & Edgar Counties**

**Program: Child Advocacy Program**

**Quarterly Report Date Range: January 2022-March 2022**

**Report Due Date:**

**Agency Quarterly Meeting: April 19, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – Survivor Resource Center**

### 1. Agency Outputs: (As detailed on 2021-2022 Application)

Serve 50 new children with a trained advocate

- 20

Submit 125 court reports. These reports include recommendations for the children, i.e.- therapy, educational support...etc.

- 56

Recruit and train 20 new volunteers

- 9

Reach a total of 75 volunteers. We are currently at 68 advocates and tend to lose a few volunteers throughout the year.

- 70

### 2. How many lives have been impacted over the last quarter?

- 149 children being served

### 3. Are you on track to hit your output goals as listed above? If not, what is preventing you from reaching those output goals?

- Court reports are a bit behind. We believe this is due to hearings that have been continued frequently. Specifically, dispositional and termination hearings. Advocates are assigned to a case at adjudication but do not begin submitting reports until after the dispositional hearing. This coupled with an agency's computer system being hacked has caused a delay in hearings, which impacts the number of reports our advocates submit.

- We have had small training classes for new volunteers at the beginning of this fiscal year, which impacts our new volunteer number and new children assignments. However, our most recent class that finished last week and graduated with 7 volunteers. We have another class set for June. I am optimistic that it will be our largest class of the year and bring us to our goal of 20 new volunteers.

**4. Please provide one (or more) inspiring story over the last quarter. This could be about your organization or a special impact story. Please include any pictures/graphics you feel necessary with your report.**

- An advocate served a case with a young baby that came into care due to being born substance exposed. The advocate visited the baby in the foster home regularly and grew a strong relationship with the foster parents and baby. During the case, the baby never had a visit with its biological parents, which led to the termination of parental rights. Due to the strong relationship between the foster parents, baby and advocate she was invited to the adoption hearing for the baby and hopes to continue the relationship with the baby and foster family as the baby grows up.

**Please use this sheet as your cover letter to your regular report.**



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Dear United Way of Danville Area, Inc.,

CASA of Vermilion & Edgar Counties continues to progress. Our main objective remains recruitment. In order to boost our community presence and generate more interest in volunteering, we have increased our efforts via social media, marketing and sponsor nights at local establishments.

Our agency has had two pre-service training sessions, which were both web-based. In total, these two sessions produced 8 graduating advocates. We now have 70 active advocates that are serving 149 children.

Illinois CASA has updated background and fingerprinting requirements for all volunteers throughout the state. This mandates that all programs use a specific fingerprinting agency. Unfortunately for programs like ours, this requires our volunteers to schedule an appointment at a facility in Savoy that is only open two days a week during normal work hours. This makes it extremely difficult for our volunteers to complete this task and has forced us to mark many of our volunteers as inactive, which affects our numbers. We are looking into options for a mobile unit to come to our office to help alleviate this issue. We can not afford to lose any of our willing volunteers due to this type of logistical issue, as the number of children needing our service is outstanding.

As always, we appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

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