

Summary Findings: Arkansas CASA/GAL Programs 2007

The summary below is based on data provided by the 21 CASA programs in Arkansas that responded to the 2007 National CASA Association Local Program Survey.

A Typical Arkansas CASA Program

8 years old
3 program staff – 2 FTE
34 active volunteers
11 new volunteers trained
91 hours contributed annually per volunteer
156 children served
\$85,840 total revenue

* The numbers above are based on median values, meaning that half of the programs had more than the median amount and half had less.

Number of Children Served

- 50% increase in the reported number of children served since 2006.
- Median of 156 children served per program in 2007.
- Median of 59 children newly assigned and 43 children's cases closed in 2007.
- A total of 2,929 children were served by these programs in 2007, including a total of 1,154 new children assigned.
- 25% of programs had at least one paid staff assigned to children's cases.

Number of Volunteers

- 66% increase in the reported number of volunteers since 2006.
- Median of 34 active volunteers per program in 2007.
- A total of 818 individuals volunteered as CASA/GALs in these programs in 2007.
- Median of 11 new volunteers trained in 2007.
- A total of 273 new volunteers were trained in 2007.

Number of Volunteer Hours

- 45% increase in the reported number of volunteer hours contributed since 2006.
- Median of 91 hours contributed per volunteer in 2007.
- 74,182 volunteer hours were reported by these programs in 2007.

Median costs per child and volunteer based on total expenses:

Total Program Expenses: \$ 84,660
Cost per Volunteer: \$ 2,560
Cost per Child Served: \$ 750

Changes in Revenue and FTE

- 50% percent of responding programs reported an increase in revenue in 2007 compared to 2006; 6% less revenue; and 44% the same.
- 35% percent of responding programs reported an increase in the number of FTE (full-time equivalent staff) in 2007 compared to 2006; 5% reported fewer FTE; and 35% no change in FTE.

Areas Served

62% responded that they serve a primarily rural area; 10% serve an urban area; and 29% a suburban or mixed region.

Percentage of staff, volunteers or children in each racial/ethnic group.

Race/ethnicity	Percent in each racial/ethnic group		
	Staff	Volunteers	Children Served
African American	5.1%	12.3%	20.5%
Asian American	-	0.4%	0.7%
Caucasian	93.2%	86.2%	71.0%
Hispanic/ Latino	-	0.5%	3.4%
Native American	1.7%	0.4%	1.2%
Multiracial/ Other	-	0.2%	3.3%
Number*	59	803	2,811

* Number with valid data reported.

Annual median salaries

Full-time Executive Director	\$32,000
Part-time Executive Director	\$16,250
Full-time Volunteer Coordinator	\$26,400
Part-time Volunteer Coordinator	\$13,750

Children's Placements

84% of all children served by CASA/GAL programs were in out-of home care, and 16% had court involvement but were living at home.

Length of time children were in out of home care.

	In out-of-home care*	Since assignment to a volunteer**
Less than one month	4%	3%
1 – 5 months	11%	12%
6 – 11 months	21%	15%
12 – 17 months	33%	36%
18 – 23 months	12%	15%
24 – 29 months	9%	10%
30 – 35 months	5%	5%
3 to 4 years	4%	4%
Over 4 years	1%	-

Of children whose cases closed in 2007. * N=534 ** N=398