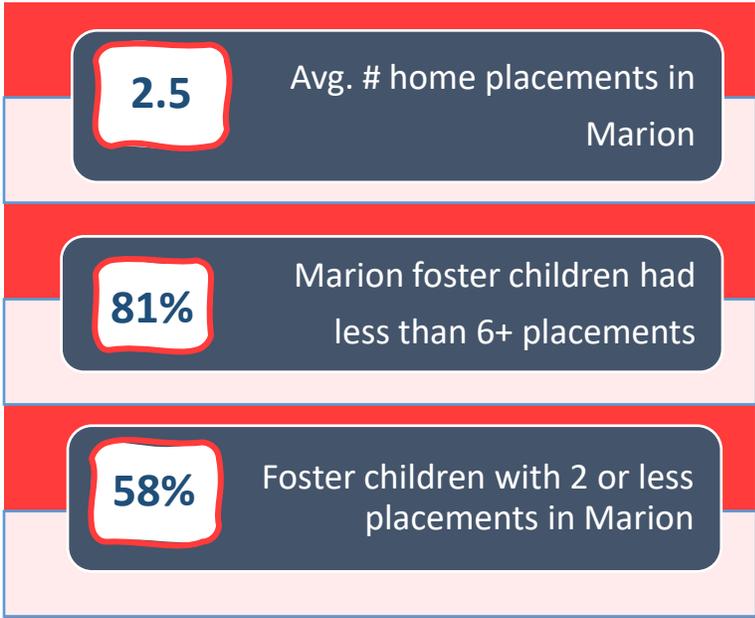


# Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Marion County

## 2023 IMPACT REPORT

CASA of Marion County has been a driving force for promoting the welfare of foster children in Oregon for over two decades. Our work is not only mandated by Oregon law, it is vital to creating a safe and stable home for children in care. We serve hundreds of children each year.

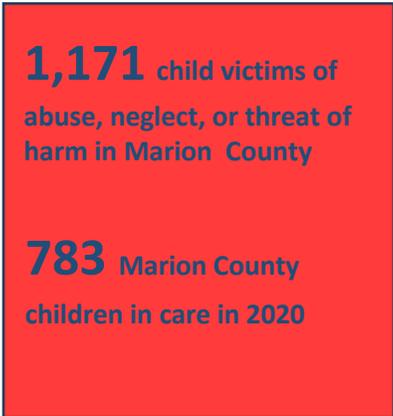


- ✓ 142 foster children with a CASA
- ✓ 93 active CASA volunteers
- ✓ 68 unserved children
- ✓ 67% served

CASA of Marion County is dedicated to serving all children in foster care, including the significant Latino foster youth population.

## Foster Youth: A Snapshot

Foster youth face harsh realities. They are more prone to adverse health outcomes, poverty, and trauma like domestic violence, homelessness, abuse, and structural inequities.



# Our CASAs Make the Difference!

2023  
AND BEYOND

**60 Latino children**

were served by CASA in 2022; however, there were 5 Latino CASAs; 2 were bilingual



We are committed to promoting equity by recruiting culturally-diverse and bilingual CASAs and developing access, materials, and information that are culturally and linguistically appropriate.

To better serve our Latino children, we have TRIPLED the number of Spanish-speaking volunteers since January 2023. We have DOUBLED the number of volunteers of color. Contributing towards a stable and positive life for vulnerable children is critical for building a better future for our society. Our CASAs go above and beyond in serving foster youth by advocating for their needs within the justice and human services systems. Children with CASAs experience positive outcomes and impacts:

- ✓ **STABILITY:** Children are placed in more appropriate foster homes and thus, experience significantly less placements
- ✓ **HEALTH CARE:** CASAs review medical, dental, behavioral health records and work with DHS, social workers, and other providers to ensure the children receive the therapy, medical care, and care coordination they need.
- ✓ **EDUCATION:** children perform better at school and have higher grades and levels of participation.
- ✓ **EARLY IDENTIFICATION:** CASAs monitor and report on a child's status in meeting developmental milestones and needs.
- ✓ **BELONGING:** Children with CASAs are more likely to experience senses of belonging through activities, clubs,

We believe that one person can make a big difference in the lives of foster children. CASA provides opportunities for volunteers to help create a stable and safe world for foster children.

Whether you can dedicate time, donate money, or become a CASA, we invite you to join our cause to make a positive impact on the lives of our most vulnerable and disparate children.