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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Kern County Urgently Seeking Volunteers to Advocate for Children in Foster Care - 99<sup>th</sup> Training Class Begins August 10, 2023**

**Bakersfield, CA, June 27, 2023** - CASA of Kern County is a nonprofit organization, that trains volunteers to serve as advocates for foster youth in the juvenile court system. CASA of Kern County's 99<sup>th</sup> training class will begin on August 10, 2023. With 80 children on our high-priority waitlist, we urgently need volunteers to take that leap and become a CASA volunteer.

The first step to becoming a CASA volunteer is to attend an info session, which can be in person at the CASA office or via Zoom. The next information session is on Friday, July 7, 2023, via Zoom.

To learn more and sign up for an information session, contact CASA at 661-631-2272 or [info@kerncasa.org](mailto:info@kerncasa.org)

**About CASA of Kern County:**

The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Kern County speaks for the best interest of abused and neglected children and youth in the juvenile court process by training volunteers to advocate for their safety and well-being in the courts, in schools, and in our community. Since 1994, CASA of Kern County has advocated for over 3,560 children in the foster care system. Visit [www.kerncasa.org](http://www.kerncasa.org) for more information.