

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



BRITT WATSON, ADVOCATE VOLUNTEER SINCE 2019

THE MISSION OF CASA OF DENTON COUNTY, INC. IS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ABUSE AND NEGLECT. OUR TRAINED AND SUPPORTED COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS BUILD A STRONG, CONSISTENT RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH CHILD AND THEIR FAMILY, PROMOTE COMMUNITY RESOURCES, AND MAKE INFORMED RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COURT.

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672 CHILDREN SERVED... DESPITE HUGE CHALLENGES



CASA of Denton County found itself in an unprecedented time for the child welfare system across Texas, and locally, in 2021. More children than ever, removed from their homes for their own safety and well-being, were without a foster home and sleeping instead in motel rooms as a statewide placement crisis continued. Children from our community, as across the state, got on the school bus from a motel and ate food cooked in a microwave while solutions were found to this crisis.

In addition, like other agencies relying on the work of volunteers, we faced a shortage of volunteers and funding while the pandemic continued, and society tried to return to normal during a time that was anything but that. We were only able to recruit and train only about half the volunteers we needed for the first half of 2021, while our funding from key sources was cut by as much as 25 percent.

True to form, however, our community stepped in, helping us to accelerate recruitment efforts and find new sources of revenue. HB 567 passed the state legislature, and we saw more children remaining in homes with their families. We ended the year able to serve all children assigned to us, armed with a stable balance sheet, and ready for whatever the future would hold.

OUR CHILDREN WERE:

AGE 5 AND UNDER - 49%

AGE 12 AND UP - 25%

THEY SUFFERED:

PHYSICAL ABUSE - 12%

SEXUAL ABUSE - 6%

NEGLECT - 100%

AT CASE END, THEY:

RETURNED HOME - 49%

HOME WITH RELATIVE - 38%

10% ADOPTED BY NEW FAMILY

3% AGED OUT

**Photo, top left, Denise Roberts, CASA
Advisory Council.**

OUR VOLUNTEERS...THEY ANSWERED THE CALL

Despite COVID-fatigue, new responsibilities at home and work, and plenty of uncertainty in the world, Denton County citizens came out for children who needed them. In a BIG way!

25,977 Hours worked on cases

203,609 Miles Driven

2,262 Continuing Education Hours

OUR ADVOCATES COME FROM ALL OVER DENTON COUNTY... REALLY!

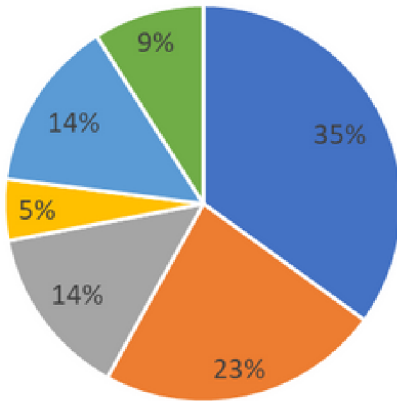
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CROSS ROADS • PONDER

... AND ALSO FORT WORTH, DALLAS, IRVING, PLANO, WICHITA FALLS,
AMONG OTHER NORTH TEXAS CITIES!



DEDICATED LEADERSHIP, CAREFUL USE OF RESOURCES

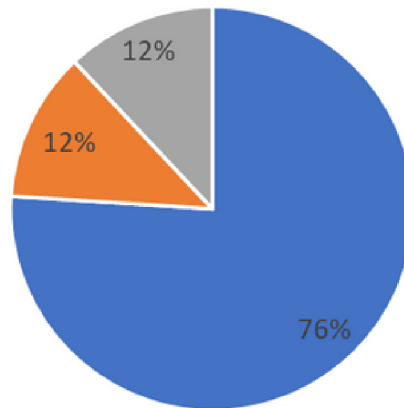
Where Our Funding Comes From



- Federal and State Grants
- Fundraising Events/Campaigns
- Contributions
- United Ways
- Corporations, Foundations, & Organizations

For 30 years, CASA of Denton County has served as many of the children affected by abuse and neglect as our resources would allow. We served 94% of those children in 2021, and our goal is to serve 100% of those children in 2022. In 2021, as in most of our years of operating, we utilized a diverse set of funding sources, include federal and state grants, local government funds, foundations and corporation grants, fundraising events, United Way allocations, and individual gifts. We dedicated 76% of our resources directly to the Court Advocacy Program in 2021.

How We Use Our Resources



- Program Services
- Fundraising
- General and Administrative



CASA of Denton County's board of directors is made up of a diverse group of men and women from the local business, education, and industrial community who provide governance, oversight, and expertise in all aspects of our operations. Kyle Blalock, above, is our Board President.

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