

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 13-7

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
AN AGREEMENT WITH)
CASA-KENDALL COUNTY, INC.)

FILED

JAN 29 2013

**BECKY MORGANEGG
CIRCUIT CLERK KENDALL CO.**

Effective immediately, Kendall County, of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit hereby adopts the attached Agreement with CASA-Kendall County, Inc.

Entered: January 29, 2013



Timothy J. McCann, Chief Judge

AGREEMENT

This agreement entered on January 25, 2013 into by and between the 23rd Judicial Circuit Court, Kendall County, Illinois and CASA-Kendall County, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, in consideration of their mutual promises each to the other and other valuable consideration.

WHEREAS, the 23rd Judicial Circuit Court, Kendall County, Illinois is a trial court of the Illinois Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article 6, Section 7(c), provides that the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court shall have the general administrative authority over the Circuit Court subject to the authority of the Illinois Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Judges of the 23rd Judicial Circuit, Kendall County, at a regularly scheduled meeting determined it would be appropriate to contract with CASA-Kendall County, Inc. to provide volunteer services for children who come to the attention of the court because of alleged abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, CASA-Kendall County, Inc., pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation and as one of its purposes has the authority to enter into this agreement, a copy of said Articles of Incorporation is attached hereto as EXHIBIT "A".

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed by the parties hereto:

1. Chief Judge Timothy J. McCann shall issue an Administrative Order, upon the direction of the Circuit Judges of the 23rd Judicial Circuit, Kendall County, for a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program in the Juvenile Court.
2. CASA-Kendall County, Inc., shall provide trained volunteers who will comply with the purposes, provisions and bylaws of CASA-Kendall County, Inc., and the orders of the Juvenile Court, 23rd Judicial Circuit, and shall act in compliance with "NATIONAL COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE ASSOCIATION, STANDARDS FOR CASA PROGRAMS AND RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES" attached hereto as EXHIBIT "B" and "CASA-ILLINOIS "Goals and Objectives" and "Mission Statement" attached hereto as EXHIBIT "C"; and
 - a. shall submit to an oath at the time of appointment which shall bind the volunteer to faithfully perform the duties pertaining to the appointment and to fore swear divulging any information obtained in the course of performing those duties except upon order of a judge of the 23rd Judicial Circuit, Kendall County; and
 - b. shall provide trained volunteers to work on behalf of children on a one-to-one basis who come to the attention of the Juvenile Court because of alleged abuse and neglect; and

- c. shall file on the best interest of the child to coordinate information, services and resources that will help reduce the amount of time that the child spends in temporary foster care; and
- d. shall undertake the following duties:
 - i. interview the child;
 - ii. interview family members, including any present or former foster family, and persons living in the family residence;
 - iii. interview teachers, social workers, friends, employees, and other persons deemed necessary to determine the factual background;
 - iv. investigate available placement alternatives for the child including but not limited to relatives, foster placement, group homes;
 - v. prepare a written report of the factual findings and submit the report in a sealed envelope to the court not less than four (4) days prior to the scheduled dispositional hearing;
 - vi. provide recommendations for permanent placement in those cases where requested by the appointing judge;
 - vii. appear in court at the scheduled hearing for inquiry by the court; and
 - viii. comply with all orders of the court to monitor progress and submit supplemental written reports concerning compliance by the child with the orders of the court and changes in circumstances.

- 3. The Juvenile Court Judge or judge presiding in Juvenile Court may appoint a specific trained volunteer.
- 4. The CASA-Kendall County, Inc. volunteer shall have all the usual powers and duties of a Guardian *ad litem* when so appointed in addition to the powers and duties stated herein.
- 5. The CASA-Kendall County, Inc. volunteer shall be discharged from all duties or obligations, except the duty and obligation of confidentiality, upon entry of a dispositional order permanently placing the child.
- 6. This agreement is at will, shall be in full force and effect from the date hereof and may be cancelled by the Presiding Judge of the 23rd Judicial Circuit Court or the directors of CASA-Kendall County, Inc., upon fifteen (15) days written notice delivered by ordinary mail.



Timothy J. McCann
Chief Judge
23rd Judicial Circuit



Brandon Grometer
Executive Director
CASA Kendall County