

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF _____ COUNTY, KANSAS**

IN THE MATTER OF

Name _____, **Juvenile** **Case No.** _____
Year of Birth _____ **A** **male** **female**

ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL ADVOCATE
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2307 and Supreme Court Rule 110

NOW on this _____ day of _____, _____ the Court has determined that the best interests of the juvenile named above would be served by appointing a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

IT IS THEREFORE BY THE COURT ORDERED, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 110:

1. _____ is appointed as the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA volunteer) for the above-named juvenile.
2. The CASA volunteer, or any agent of _____ (CASA program), shall have access to the records and files of the Court; of the Secretary of the Department of Corrections (DOC); of DOC contracted providers; of the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) as allowed by applicable law; and of any school, hospital, doctor, therapist, or other individual or agency regarding the above-named juvenile and parents or legal guardians of the juvenile as authorized by the Kansas juvenile justice code . This order encompasses and is in compliance with the provisions of the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 45 C.F.R. 164.512(e)(1) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 C.F.R. 99. Such agencies shall disclose those records and protected health and education information as requested. A copy of this order shall be the only authorization necessary for such purpose.
3. The CASA program and CASA volunteer shall have reasonable access to the juvenile.
4. The CASA program and CASA volunteer shall maintain confidentiality as prescribed by law.

Unless specifically authorized by the Court, the CASA program and CASA volunteer shall not disclose the information received to anyone other than the assigned court services officer (CSO), assigned case worker(s), CASA office staff, parties and interested parties and their attorneys, or involved therapists.

5. The CASA program and CASA volunteer shall advocate for the best interests of the juvenile and assist the juvenile in obtaining a permanent, safe and homelike placement.
6. The CASA program and CASA volunteer shall be given notice of, and be authorized to attend, staffings, including but not limited to, case planning; multidisciplinary team meetings; meetings regarding the juvenile's education; and/or Court hearings regarding the juvenile.
7. This appointment shall be in full force and effect as long as the juvenile remains under the jurisdiction of this Court, unless rescinded by order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Authority

K.S.A. 38-2307 and Supreme Court Rule No. 110.

Notes on Use

Court appointed special advocate programs are subject to standards promulgated by the Judicial Administrator and the written agreements with the courts they serve, if they are privately administered. K.S.A. 38-2307 permits the use of CASA in juvenile offender proceedings. The statute also provides immunity to the CASA volunteer acting in good faith. This order not only appoints the volunteer, but provides the volunteer access to information that might be confidential.