

**PERMISSION TO ALLOW CASA PROGRAM TO REQUEST
CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT
CENTRAL REGISTRY and DPS CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK**

Purpose

The purpose of this form is to grant authorized representatives of CASA programs permission to request through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) a Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect check as well as a criminal history check from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) on the behalf of potential and current CASA volunteers, employees and board members.

Central Registry check

As required by the Texas Family Code 261.002, DFPS maintains a central registry of reported cases of child abuse and neglect. The DFPS Central Registry consists only of information gathered during Child Protective Services, Child Care Licensing, and Adult Protective Services facility investigations of child abuse and neglect in cases which were given a disposition of "reason to believe", and the person had a role of designated perpetrator or sustained perpetrator (**Please Note:** Cases involving adult victims are not included in the DFPS Central Registry).

In addition, the person will not clear the Central Registry check if the person is involved as an alleged perpetrator in an open child abuse or neglect investigation being conducted by DFPS. A new Central Registry check may be requested at the conclusion of the investigation to determine if the person has been listed as a designated perpetrator on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Criminal History check

The criminal history check from DPS will include all Texas based arrests and dispositions, including both convictions and cases with unknown dispositions. In some cases the search will produce juvenile criminal history results. Unknown disposition information found may not be the most up to date information available. In order to determine the final disposition, contact must be made with the county prosecuting the case, or with the DPS Error Resolution Unit (512-424-7256).

Process

A signed copy of this form will be submitted to DFPS on your behalf. Providing false information on the form or any updated information requested for future submissions to DFPS is a violation of Texas Penal Code Section 37.10. The information on this form will be used to conduct the DFPS Central Registry and criminal history checks.

Results

As the subject of the request, you have the right to review the results of this check. If Central Registry history is found that identifies you as a person who has been found to have abused or neglected a child, DFPS will only send the results directly to you via mail or e-mail. You have the option to share these findings with the CASA representative who submitted the request on your behalf. If you want to continue to be considered as a potential volunteer, employee, or board member with CASA you will be required to disclose the findings.

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REQUIRED IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON SUBJECT OF REQUEST - The requester must provide all of this information in order for a check to be made:

First Name		Middle Name	Last Name		
Other names or spellings used (married, maiden, alias, etc.) - First, Middle, Last (continue on back as needed)					
E-mail Address (optional)					
Residence Street Address			City	County	State Zip Code
Residence Telephone No. (A/C)	Date of Birth		Gender : <input type="checkbox"/> Male - <input type="checkbox"/> Female		SSN
Race (check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Am Indian/AK Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black			<input type="checkbox"/> Nat Hawaii/Pacis <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to Determine		Ethnicity (check one, only) <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to Determine
List all addresses you have resided in Texas :					

I am the person listed above. The information in this document is correct and I am a prospective or current volunteer, employee or board member of a court appointed special advocate (CASA) program. I agree to update the CASA program of any changes to the information above.

I grant permission to the CASA program to request a Child Abuse/Neglect Central Registry and a Texas Department of Public Service Criminal history check as well as any subsequent checks so long as I am active with the CASA program.

I understand that the information I am providing will be part of any request and that providing false information is a violation of Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.

Signature: _____

Date of Consent: _____