

Did You Know?

MORE CHILDREN NEED A VOICE

The number of children requiring advocacy in court and in the community is growing substantially. These children represent families in crisis who are now also facing the stress, strain, and repercussions of the ongoing pandemic.

As needs evolve, Henrico CASA is expanding our goals to most effectively support all of Henrico County's children. Our new strategic plan includes three key initiatives:

- Build capacity to meet this growing demand for advocacy;
- Educate and engage the community around dangerous and unhealthy situations that exist for many children; and
- Create space to nurture healthy relationships for families.

By broadening our mission, we aim to serve families, reach more children, and prevent abuse and neglect.



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**CHILDREN REFERRED
TO AND SERVED BY CASA**



1,322

**VALID COMPLAINTS
OF CHILD ABUSE**



3,529

**CALLS TO HENRICO CHILD
PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

HENRICO COUNTY DATA: JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

Tyler's Story

Tyler* came to the court's attention after dangerous decisions, escalating in nature, made it clear he was lacking the supervision that he needed. Problems at home had intensified after he told his parents that he was gay. Conflicts arose and distance grew.

A dedicated CASA volunteer, Latrice*, invested time getting to know Tyler and his family. She saw Tyler's anxiety and recognized his struggle to communicate his needs and wishes with those closest to him. Lacking a safe place to express himself, Tyler had been seeking acceptance in people and places that were unsafe.

CASA gave Tyler the opportunity to build a trusted relationship with a safe adult. This relationship paved the way to rebuilding a connection with his family. Thanks to encouragement from Latrice and the support of counselors, Tyler found his voice.

*NAMES CHANGED



February 2022 IMPACT UPDATE



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**NEW CHILDREN
REFERRED TO CASA
SINCE JULY 2021**

Teachers and law enforcement are the most frequent reporters of abuse. With children back at school, referrals will likely grow this year.

Since 1994, we have been able to assign a dedicated volunteer to every single child referred to Henrico CASA. More referrals demand more volunteers to maintain this commitment.

100%
**OF CHILDREN HAVE
A DEDICATED
ADVOCATE**

97%
**OF CASA
RECOMMENDATIONS
ACCEPTED**

Over the past six months, nearly all of the suggestions made in CASA reports were incorporated into final court orders.
OUR VOICE IS HEARD.