

# Did You Know?

## EDUCATION IS MORE THAN KNOWLEDGE

Education goes far beyond acquiring knowledge. Schools, virtual classrooms, and homeschool programs serve as crucibles where young minds cultivate essential life skills, foster social connections, and develop a holistic understanding of the world. In addition to growing in academic knowledge, students experience:



Social Development: Schools provide an opportunity for students to collaborate, communicate, and empathize with their peers. Friendships formed during school years often become foundations for lifelong connections.



Emotional Intelligence: Understanding emotions, both one's own and others', is a fundamental aspect of education. Students learn indispensable skills of self-expression and conflict resolution.



Character Building: Students learn valuable lessons in responsibility, discipline, and resilience through schooling. As they navigate challenges, they undergo personal growth.

It is also important to note that by participating in a school program, children will be seen and heard by safe adults like teachers and administrators who are mandated reporters.

### Carly's Story

**Carly was found wandering the street at night, without supervision. She was subsequently removed from her mother's care after it was determined that her family was homeless and Carly was experiencing physical and emotional neglect.**

**Carly's mother told authorities that she homeschooled Carly due to the child's medical issues. However, her CASA advocate quickly discovered that she was not being educated.**

**CASA knows the importance of education - not only for learning, but also in terms of a child's social and emotional development. Carly's advocate spoke to doctors and determined that it was no threat to Carly's health for her to attend school.**

**Carly is now enrolled in school and attending on a regular basis. She is below grade-level academically, but becoming more socialized and making progress. Carly's advocate put her on the right path to meet her education and development milestones.**

# July 2023 - December 2023 UPDATE



Of these new cases, 18 were CHINS petitions (Child in Need of Service and/or Supervision). CHINS-related issues often include poor school attendance and performance.

**108**

**NEW CHILDREN  
REFERRED TO CASA  
SINCE JULY 2023**

Educational neglect and concerns span a variety of issues including: lack of enrollment, truancy, poor participation, unaddressed needs and unidentified accommodations.

**23%**

**OF ACTIVE CASES  
INDICATE EDUCATION  
CONCERNS**

As mandated reporters, educators play an essential role in protecting school-aged children. Younger children may go unseen because they are not yet enrolled in formal school.

**32%**

**OF CHILDREN  
CURRENTLY SERVED  
ARE AGES 0-5**

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