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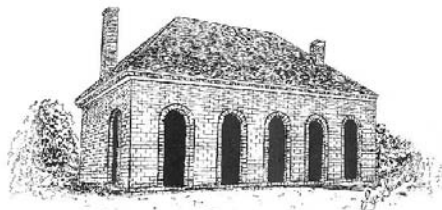
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CASA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN

The Hanover Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program is now accepting applications for the next volunteer training scheduled to begin in October.

Hanover's CASA program trains, recruits, and supervises volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court process. CASA volunteers come from all walks of life, with a variety of professional, educational and ethnic backgrounds. No special experience is required to become a CASA Volunteer – just a desire to advocate for children in our community.

Potential volunteers undergo a 37-hour training program. CASA volunteers are appointed by the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge and spend an average of 5-10 hours a month working on a case. CASA Volunteers are supported by program staff, as well as receiving thorough ongoing training.

The Hanover CASA Program serves the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts in both Hanover and Caroline Counties.

If you are interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer or in having us speak to your church, group or civic organization, please call Melanie Baker at 365-4296 or e-mail her at mdbaker@co.hanover.va.us.

Applications are being accepted until September 16, 2011.

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