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2021 ANNUAL REPORT



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

MICHIGAN CASA

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Dear Friends.

If 2020 was the year of the cocoon, for Michigan CASA, 2021 was the year of the butterfly. We emerged from the pandemic stronger, more vibrant, more prepared to stretch our wings and fly forward.

Supportive state legislators saw to it that Michigan CASA received State funding sufficient to pass through almost 70% of those funds to support existing local CASA programs, many of which lost federal funding due to cuts. This funding also enabled us to increase by 12% the number of children we serve, and to recruit and train 24% more volunteers.

And while our own transformation has been invigorating, it pales in comparison to the transformations we saw among the 1328 children who were matched to a CASA volunteer in 2021. Once removed from an abusive environment and paired with a caring volunteer, these children began to blossom, to participate in their classrooms, and to build trusting relationships with their foster parents, teachers and peers. They too are unfolding their wings and preparing to explore a new, more vibrant environment.

I'm so grateful for those state legislators, our board, our staff, our local program directors and their staff and so many others. And as always, I am grateful to the 799 individuals who, every year, volunteer to be an advocate for a child who needs them. They are heroes.

Warmest Regards,

Patty Sabin
President/CEO



Mission Statement:

Why We Exist.

Michigan CASA, Inc. is dedicated to changing the lives of abused and neglected children by advocating for their best interests through establishing, supporting, and expanding quality CASA programs throughout the state of Michigan to ensure every child that needs a volunteer, has one.

Vision Statement:

Michigan Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is dedicated to ending the cycle of child abuse and neglect, one child at a time.

Michigan CASA Values:

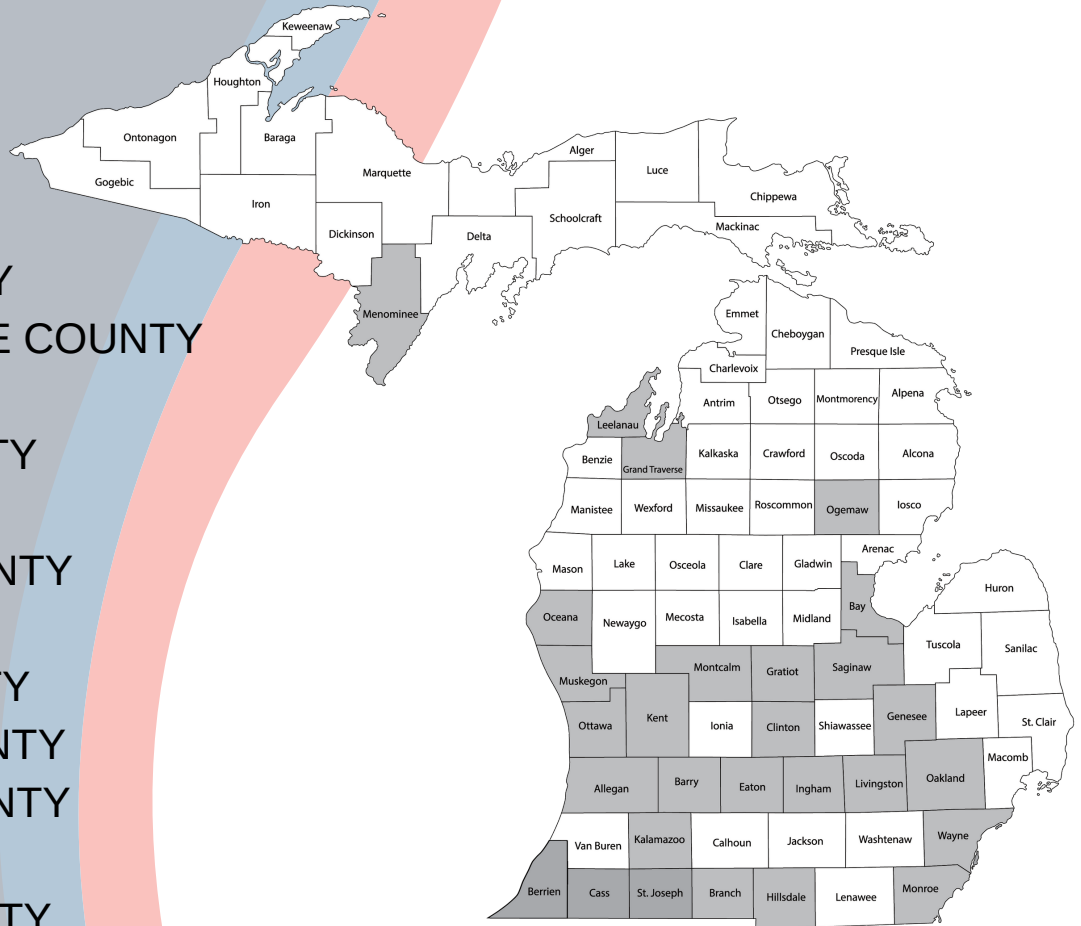
- We value Children's Right to be Safe
- We value Honesty, Integrity and Transparency
- We value Accountability and Commitment
- We value Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- We value Advocacy, Service and Collaboration



Michigan CASA County Programs

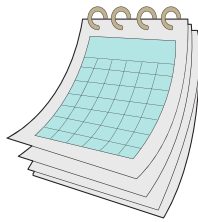
Currently Michigan CASA has 28 local CASA programs in counties statewide. As the State organization, we are committed to supporting these existing county programs, expanding into more counties and continue to be the voice for the abused and neglected children of Michigan.

ALLEGAN COUNTY
BARRY COUNTY
BAY COUNTY
BERRIEN COUNTY
BRANCH COUNTY
CASS COUNTY
CLINTON COUNTY
EATON COUNTY
GENESEE COUNTY
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
GRATIOT COUNTY
HILLSDALE COUNTY
INGHAM COUNTY
KALAMAZOO COUNTY
KENT COUNTY
LEELANAU COUNTY
LIVINGSTON COUNTY
MENOMINEE COUNTY
MONROE COUNTY
MONTCALM COUNTY
MUSKEGON COUNTY
OAKLAND COUNTY
OCEANA COUNTY
OGEMAW COUNTY
OTTAWA COUNTY
SAGINAW COUNTY
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
WAYNE COUNTY



Program Service Accomplishments

5,804



Years of advocacy
experience in the
current network

68,765



Hours contributed annually
by Michigan CASA
volunteers

\$1,748,694



Annual economic impact of
current volunteers in the
State of Michigan

Program Service Facts

Changes in Number of Total Children Served:

- 12% increase in the number of children we served since 2020.

Changes in Number of Total Volunteers and Volunteer Hours:

- 24% increase in the reported number of total volunteers since 2020
- 31% increase in the reported number of volunteer hours contributed since 2020
- Forty-four percent of volunteers were employed full-time or part-time outside of their CASA volunteering.

Placement Types:

In 2021, there were 1,064 children placed in out-of-home care. Of these children, 31% were placed with a relative and 53% with a non-relative foster parent.

Children Involved in Closed Cases:

Most common final outcomes for children involved in cases closed in 2021 were reunification with their family (44%) or adoption (26%).

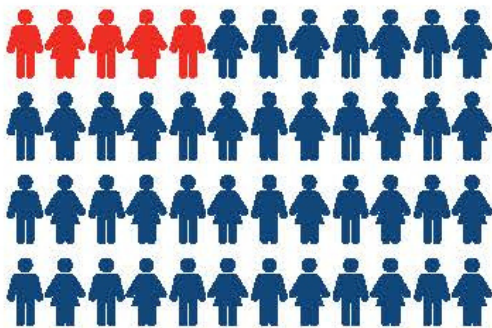
Time in Out-of-Home Care for Cases Closed:

Sixty-four percent of children served whose cases closed spent between 6 and 29 months in out-of-home care, with 34% spending between 12 and 23 months.

Statistics At A Glance



Abused and neglected children in the state of Michigan



1,291
Children served by CASA

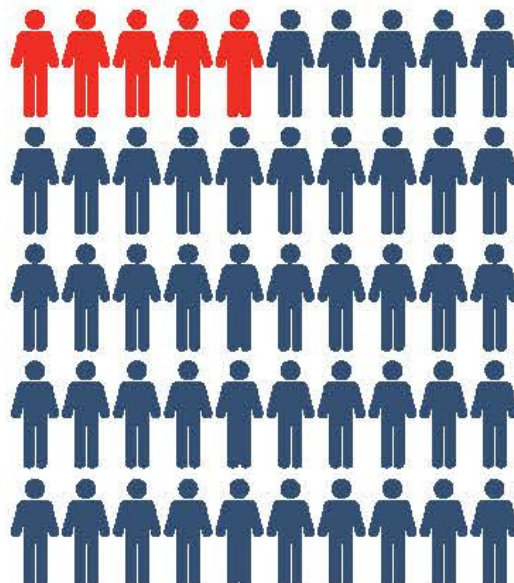
9,916
Children unserved in the state of Michigan

Volunteers **needed** to serve 100% of the children in Michigan

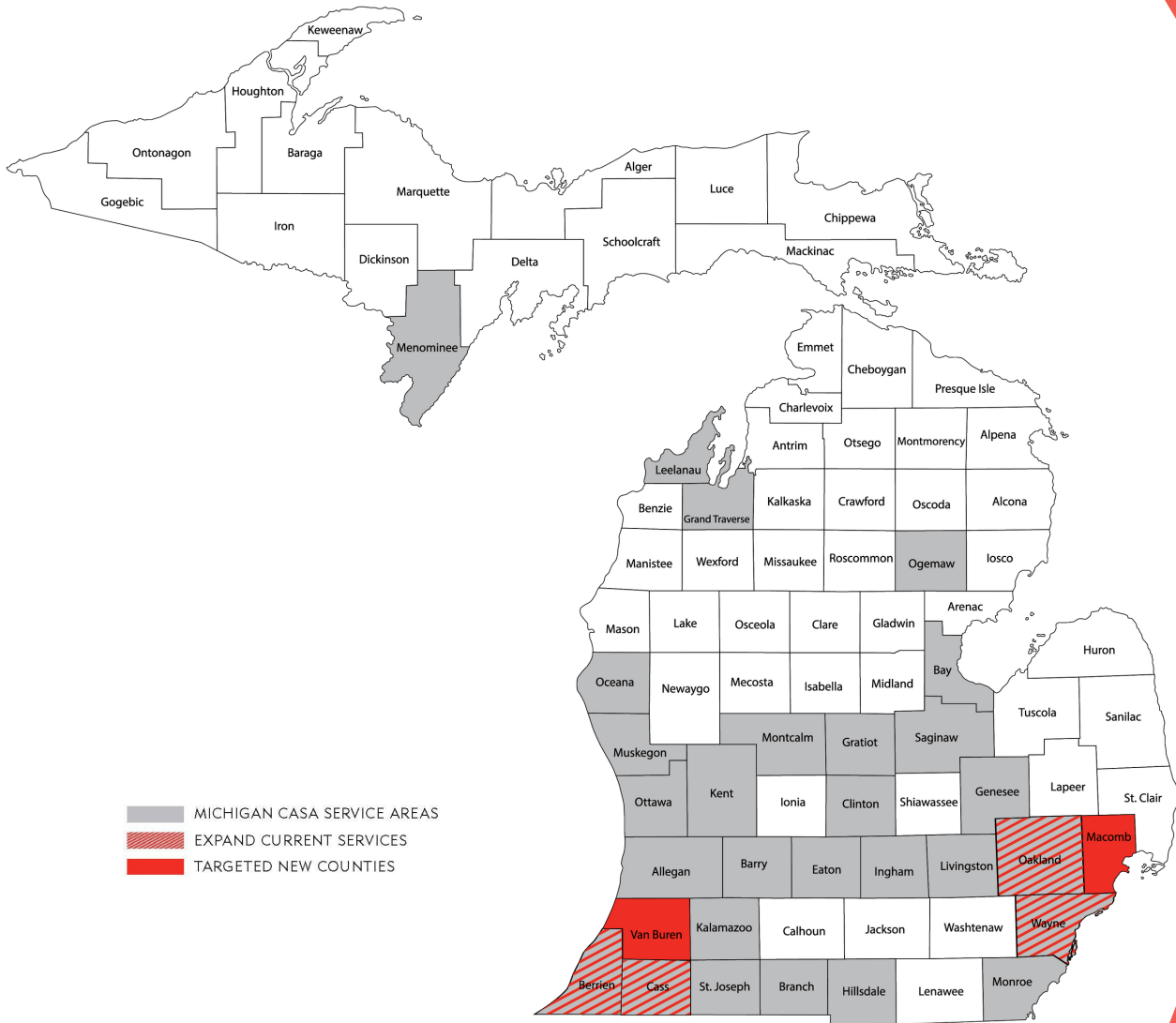


879
Current Michigan CASA volunteers

3,087
Additional volunteers needed to meet the needs of unserved children in Michigan



Future Growth



Michigan CASA is focusing its growth activities in the southeast Michigan counties of Macomb (unserved), Wayne (grossly underserved), and Oakland (underserved) along with the southwest counties of Berrien and Cass counties (underserved) and VanBuren county (unserved). Between these 6 counties there are 4,796 eligible children, of which only 448 are currently being served. This represents just 10% of the children in this six county region. If all of the children in these regions were to be served, the overall state average would increase to 43%.

2021 Michigan CASA Board

CASA Officers:

Rob Jamula, Board Chair

Pete Scudder, Treasurer

Kathleen Brach, Secretary

CASA Board Members:

Brenda Baker-Mbacke'

Amy D'Aprile

Rev. Robert Dean

Lynn Gardner

Kelli Gierz

Raymond M. Kennedy

Kelly Kucinich

Phil Minster

Zenell Roberts

DiAnna Solomon

Role of Michigan CASA Board Members

Board members are the fiduciaries who steer the organization towards a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as by making sure the nonprofit has adequate resources to advance its mission.

2021 Financials

Total Income: \$637,455

Expenses:

Program \$488,420 77%

Administration \$ 79,449 12%

Ending Net Assets \$ 69,586





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