

FOR PARENTS  
**WHAT IS TA?**  
CASA Truancy Advocate

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Judges want information about your child so they can make good decisions about what happens to them. A judge can ask a trained volunteer to help. TA's are not paid for their time. The TA will gather information and write reports to the court. This information helps the judge/magistrate make better decisions about what is best for your child.

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**Your TA:**

**Does** talk to people who might have information about your child. These people can include school personnel, doctors, therapists, attorneys, probation personnel or others.

**Does** get to know your child and may visit with him or her independently.

**Does** get to know you, and can help you find and use resources in the community.

**Does** have access to all your child's records and gets copies of all court papers and educational information on the case.

**Does** take notes. The TA is ordered by the judge to write reports to the court telling what he or she has learned.

**Does** listen to your thoughts and feelings about how things are going, and can include these things in the TA reports.

**Does** represent your child's best interest.

**Does not** decide what happens with your child's case. That's up to the judge.

**Your TA:**

**Does not** choose sides in family

**Does not** transport your child to school.

**Does not** drive family members to appointments or visits.

**Does not** act like a parent or a big brother or big sister to your children.

**Does not** represent you in court, or give legal advice.

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