

FOR PROFESSIONALS
WHAT IS TA?
CASA Truancy Advocate

Judges want information about the 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 the child.

A TA:

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

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

Does help you with certain issues on the case

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 conduct home visits twice a month

Does represent the child's best interest.

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

Does not choose sides in family

Your TA:

Does not transport the 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 the children.

Does not represent the parents in court, or give legal advice.

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