Bernstein discusses the history and importance of child advocacy. Due to the collaborative efforts of legislators, governmental organizations, private charities, and advocacy groups, the development of the child advocacy has progressed. The first section of the paper is a comprehensive report of the history of child advocacy in the United States. The second part of the article supports the reasoning behind the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program and presents an overview of the collected research indicating the efficiency of CASA’s mission. Within the article is a proposal dedicated to supporting the continuation and expansion of CASA programs on a nationwide basis. The final section of the article presents a personal perspective of being a CASA volunteer.

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This report discusses the importance of increasing awareness for early childhood and disability-related resources and services. In response to the lack of knowledge about available resources and services, a 5-week advanced training program for volunteer child advocates named the “Court-Appointed Special Advocate Strong Beginnings” was established. The purpose of this program is to better prepare and inform child advocates about early childhood and child welfare resources and services.

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This paper explains the roles and responsibilities of court-appointed special advocates (CASAs). CASAs are dedicated and trained volunteers who provide advocacy services for vulnerable groups such as children in a foster care or juvenile delinquency system. These children may feel left alone without anyone on their side. To combat child fears, CASAs are established to provide support. CASA advocates are meant to be a stable person in the usually unstable lives of children involved in the court system. They leave a positive impact on the lives of children. For children who are undergoing difficulties, CASAs implement a sense of security.

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