

## **CASA Interview Questions - Interview with Child (1 of 2)**

*Although you wish to gather information from the child, it is important to build rapport first and not bombard him/her with questions. Make it more of a conversation that takes place over several visits.*

Name of Child:	Date and Time:
Place of Interview:	CASA/GAL Volunteer:
Placement Phone #:	Case Name:
Name of Interviewer:	File #:
<p>1. The child's feelings about . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This placement:</li>   <li>• Whether he/she feels safe here:</li>   <li>• His/her sibling(s):</li>   <li>• Being separated from his/her parent(s):</li>   <li>• Visitation and telephone contact with parent(s) and sibling(s):</li> </ul>	
<p>2. The child's interests/hobbies/friends: <i>(to establish strengths and to discover ways to support the child and normalize his/her experience in care)</i></p>	
<p>3. This child has already discussed the allegations in the petition with the following persons: <i>(It is not the CASA/GAL Advocate's role to re-interview the child about those allegations unless the child wants to discuss them—and even then proceed cautiously because the child may have already been traumatized by multiple interviews, and/or there may be criminal matters pending.)</i></p>	
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4. Unsolicited, the child provided the following additional information about the underlying allegations:

5. The child would like the following needs to be addressed or options to be explored:

6. The other people living in this home are:

7. The child's sleeping arrangements are:

8. The child's after-school arrangements are:

9. The child has medical or mental health needs that are being addressed by:

10. The child's primary caretaker provided the following information about the child:

- Sleeping habits:
  
- Eating habits:
  
- Interactions with other family members:
  
- School performance and attitude toward school:
  
- Other:

11. Other relatives or family friends who might be resources on this case are:

12. My observations about this child are:

## CASA Interview Questions - Interview with Parent (1 of 2)

*Prior to scheduling an interview with the parent, inform the attorney for the parent of your intentions to meet with his/her client. In the initial discussion with the parent, explain that the CASA/GAL Advocate does not work for DHS and is in a neutral, objective role. Acknowledge how difficult the situation is for the parent as well as the child/children.*

Name of Parent:	Date and Time:
Parent's Phone #:	CASA/GAL Volunteer:
Place of Interview:	Case Name:
Name of Interviewer:	File #:
1. The parent provided the following general information about the child/children:	
2. The parent provided the following specific information about the child/children:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School performance concerns:</li> <li>• Medical/dental treatment needs:</li> <li>• Special needs:</li> <li>• Other concerns:</li> </ul>	
3. Information about the history of this family includes:	
4. Events leading to child protection agency involvement include:	
5. Services provided by the child protection agency to the family include:	

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6. Services the parent believes would be helpful are:

7. The parent's goals include:

8. Tribal affiliation, and tribal advocates:

9. Other:

***CASA Interview Questions - General Interview Form***

Name of Person:	Date and Time:
Phone # of Person:	CASA/GAL Volunteer:
Place of Interview:	Case Name:
Name of Interviewer:	File #:

1. This person’s relationship to this case is:

2. This person provided the following information:

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