

# BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION FORM

The primary concern of Juvenile Court is the safety and well-being of children brought before the court due to abuse and neglect. To fulfill this role, the court must thoroughly screen volunteers. This screening includes checking personal references, conducting a criminal background check, child abuse background check, and fingerprinting. We reserve the right to deny admittance to the CASA program at any time we believe a person may not uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and performance. Your signature below indicates your understanding of this concept and your agreement to our completing a thorough background check.

No person specified in Section 4.2 of the Child Care Act of 1969 and no person identified as a perpetrator of an act of child abuse or neglect as reflected in the DCFS State Central Register shall serve as a CASA (ILCS 405/2-17.1 (4)). This is inclusive of, but not limited to, any sexual offense, abuse or related acts that would pose risks to children or to the CASA program's credibility. An applicant will be rejected if they have found to have been convicted of, or having charges pending for, a felony or misdemeanor involving a sex offense, child abuse or neglect, or related acts that would pose risks to children or the CASA/GAL program's credibility.

***I hereby certify that all statements made on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize CASA or Will County, Inc. staff to make inquiries concerning my employment, background, character, and police records for the purpose of determining my suitability as a volunteer CASA/Gal. I also authorize CASA to obtain from the Department of Children & Family Services a CANTS background check for possible abuse or neglect charges filed against me. I understand that all this information will be held in the strictest confidence.***

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NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

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SIGNATURE

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DATE

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