



# CASA OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

## Volunteer Interview Questions

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What interests you about becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate?
2. How do you think you will be affected by a volunteer experience with the CASA program?
3. How would you define child abuse?
4. Why do you think child abuse or neglect exists?
5. Have you had any previous experience or contact with the child welfare system or juvenile courts? If so, how would you describe that experience?
6. Describe a particularly positive interaction you have had with a child, including the role you played in the child's life.
7. Conversely, describe a particularly difficult situation you had with a child, and the resulting outcome. Was the resolution satisfactory to you?

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8. How were you disciplined as a child?
  
9. The role of the CASA advocate may lead to conflict with other parties to a case whom you will have continuing contact with; how would you handle that situation?
  
10. What experience or knowledge do you have about the foster care system or foster parents?
  
11. What skills, strengths, and personal characteristics do you possess that you feel will help you be an effective CASA advocate?
  
12. Being an effective advocate also means keeping yourself healthy. What coping mechanisms do you have in place in your life to help you deal with stressful situations?
  
13. How much time can you commit to being a CASA advocate?

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Signature

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Date