## JUVENILE COURT POLICY/PROCEDURE

## APPOINTMENT OF CASA VOLUNTEERS

## **POLICY**

The Court may appoint a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Volunteer to a case according to guidelines developed by the Court in conjunction with the CASA program and the recommendation of the Social Worker and/or Guardian Ad Litem assigned to a child's case.

CASA Volunteers are permitted to attend any court hearings related to the child to which they are assigned and may receive necessary information from the Social Worker or Guardian Ad Litem as may be necessary to carry out their duties as a CASA Volunteer as permitted in these policies.

## **PROCEDURE**

When the CASA Program is recommended by a Social Worker or Guardian Ad Litem the appointment of the CASA volunteer should be included in the dispositional order, and the court will send a copy of that order to the CASA program. If a referral for a CASA Volunteer is part of the disposition (not yet assigned), when docketing the case the Juvenile Administrative Staff will send a copy of the order to the CASA program and note that was done.