

## Heart of Missouri CASA – Report to Family Court

<b>Case Number</b>	
<b>Child’s Name/DOB</b>	
<b>Parent/s</b>	
<b>Hearing Type/Date</b>	
<b>CASA Volunteer</b>	

### COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE

#### Report to the Court

Pursuant to 210.160.6 R.S.MO., this Court appointed *[name of CASA advocate]* the undersigned CASA, on December 30, 2013, to assist in the performance of the Guardian ad Litem duties for the Court. This CASA has interviewed parties and reviewed records in order to familiarize *himself/herself* with the child’s situation. Based upon such investigation, this CASA herein sets forth his/*her* suggestions on how the child’s best interests can be served and the basis for such suggested plan of action. This report contains confidential information obtained by this CASA advocate pursuant to the Family Court Order Appointing Special Advocate, and is disclosed pursuant to the restrictions within that Order.

#### Background Information

*[Briefly state why the child came into care: Create a snapshot of the charges and conditions, including dates and charges from petition. All details of the child’s removal are not necessary; they should have been addressed in previous court reports. It is not necessary to duplicate information previously given to the court.]*

**Previous Children’s Division involvement:**     yes     no    *[Check]*

- If yes explain. *[summarize, with a range of dates, all hotlines (including the victim and perpetrator, and outcome) and the family’s compliance with the recommendation. This snapshot can help the judge and team identify patterns of behavior and show reasonable effort attempts.]*

**Parents’ Rights Terminated:**     yes     no    *[Check]*

*If yes, cite date and whether voluntary or involuntary.*

#### Current Situation of Child

**Current Placement:** *[State the child/children’s current placement (and relationship to child), as of date, who is present in the home. Give a snapshot in words of how the child is doing in the home and if placed with siblings.]*

The Child is safe from threat of physical injury and emotional abuse in his/her current circumstance.     yes     no    .

If no, why:

**Psychological Conditions:** *Give a snapshot of the child's current emotional/behavior condition.*

**Medical/Dental Conditions:** *List date of last checkup and any scheduled appointments. Include any diagnosis given and by whom.*

**Developmental Condition:** *Are there any concerns regarding the child's development Are concerns being addressed?*

The psychological/medical/developmental needs of the child are being appropriately addressed.    yes    no

*If no, why? (Are there any professional recommendations that are not being enforced or do you think any professional assessments need to be scheduled?)*

**Educational Information:** *[State where the child attends school, pre-school or childcare and their performance. Included dates of when child entered school and any observations or reports from school. Note any changes, positive or negative.]*

The educational needs of the child are being appropriately addressed.    yes    no  
If no, why?

**State your observations of the Child and accompany with dates of contact:**

- *Date: location, who present, observations (behaviors not your opinion)*

**Visit Summary:***[total number of visits made by the CASA since the last court hearing, and the total number of hours spent with the child(ren).]*

**Wishes of the Child (if known):** *List either exactly what child has said or behaviors exhibited; include date.*

### **Other Case Activities**

**FST Meetings attended:**

**Persons interviewed/Contacts made:**

**Reports reviewed:**

### **Current Situation of Parents**

*[describe whether each parent has been following the case plan in their written service agreement, and how they are each progressing; (ie, information pertaining to the mother as it relates to her relationship with the child(ren); observations of the interactions/visitations with the parent and child(ren); the status of the parent's mental health, drug/alcohol use, finances, housing employment and other issues.) You need to see the child(ren) interact with the parent.]*

**Mom:**

**Dad:**

**Other:** *[include update on anyone who has a WSA such as a step-parent, parental paramour, relative/kinship provider, or other entity not covered elsewhere]*

**Family Supports and Strengths.** *[Report any family supports and strengths.]*

**Permanency Plan and Concurrent Permanency Plan:**

- Permanency Plan:
- Concurrent Permanency Plan:
- Length of time child has been in care:

**Barriers to Reunification/Permanency:**

*[What are the safety concerns based on substantive offenses in the petition that need to be rectified?]*

**CASA Concerns and/or Questions**

*[List the concern first, then state why you are concerned or include other information related to the concern. Be child-focused; state how the concern impacts the child(ren)]*

**CASA Recommendations to Protect and Promote  
the Best Interests of the Child**

*[Always ask yourself WHY you are making the recommendation and cite the facts and observations that lead to/support your recommendation. Keep the recommendations child-centered.]*

Dated:

This report to the court has been prepared by *[CASA's name]* it has been reviewed by Sara Echternach, Volunteer Supervisor or Tina DeClue, Boone County Program Director.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Heart of Missouri CASA

cc: *[name]* Family Court Judge  
*[name]* Juvenile Office  
*[name]* GAL  
*[name]* Parent Attorney  
*[name]* Children's Division/Great Circle/other