

POLICY TO DETERMINE ACCEPTANCE AS A CASA VOLUNTEER

Acceptance as a CASA/GAL volunteer is determined on a case-by-case basis. The CASA Director reserves the sole right to disqualify any individual from participating in the Lucas County CASA Program at any point in time during the application or interview process, during Pre-Service Training, prior to being sworn in with the Court, or anytime thereafter.

Criteria used in the selection of CASA/GAL volunteers will be such as to ensure that each accepted applicant is able to meet the responsibilities of a CASA/GAL volunteer and additionally will not pose a risk to children or to the program's credibility.

The Lucas County CASA Program actively seeks diverse volunteers from all walks of life and cultures. No applicant will be rejected because of race, color, religious creed, sexual orientation, national origin, gender, disability, age (must be 21 or older), or marital status.

Consistent with our mission of finding appropriate and qualified volunteers, a complete application and thorough background checks are critical. Criminal history may or may not prevent an applicant from being accepted as a CASA/GAL volunteer.

Applicants will not be accepted into the program if:

- The applicant refuses to sign the Consent for Release of Information or refuses to submit the required information for any of the background checks.
- The applicant omits important information on the application or during the interview or fails to complete the application accurately and honestly.
- The applicant has been convicted or has charges pending in Ohio for any violent felony (see Ohio Revised Codes, attached, as a guideline) within that applicant's lifetime. If the pending charge or conviction is outside the state of Ohio, consideration will be given to a charge or conviction similar to the Ohio Revised Codes.
- The applicant has been convicted of or has 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 program's credibility within the United States.
- The applicant has been convicted of or has charges pending for any criminal act originally involving drugs or alcohol within the past ten years.
- The applicant has been adjudicated to having abused or neglected a child.
- The applicant has 1) not agreed to report ANY future arrests to the Lucas County CASA Director within twenty-four hours as stated in the application or 2) has not reported such arrests.

Applicants may not be accepted into the program if:

- The applicant has had or continues to have a substance use issue, including alcohol abuse.

- The applicant has been involved in a domestically violent relationship within the last ten years.
- The applicant has had any mental health condition or continues to have a mental health condition, as determined by a mental health professional, that could impact the applicant's ability to effectively participate in the program.
- The applicant has been the alleged perpetrator and/or was involved with any children services agency in the United States during the applicant's lifetime.
- Any other issues that may arise that would not make the applicant suitable as a CASA volunteer and pose a risk to children or to the program's credibility.

Senate Bill 38 – Ohio Revised Code Disqualifiers

ORC	2903.01	-	Aggravated Murder
	2903.02	-	Murder
	2903.03	-	Voluntary Manslaughter
	2903.04	-	Involuntary Manslaughter
	2903.11	-	Felonious Assault
	2903.12	-	Aggravated Assault
	2903.13	-	Assault
	2903.16	-	Failing to Provide for a Functionally Impaired Person
	2903.21	-	Aggravated Menacing
	2903.34	-	Patient Abuse & Neglect
	2905.01	-	Kidnapping
	2905.02	-	Abduction
	2905.04	-	Child Stealing
	2905.05	-	Criminal Child Enticement
	2907.02	-	Rape
	2907.03	-	Sexual Battery
	2907.04	-	Corruption of a Minor
	2907.05	-	Gross Sexual Imposition
	2907.06	-	Sexual Imposition
	2907.07	-	Importuning
	2907.08	-	Voyeurism
	2907.09	-	Public Indecency
	2907.12	-	Felonious Sexual Penetration
	2907.21	-	Compelling Prostitution
	2907.22	-	Promoting Prostitution
	2907.23	-	Procuring
	2907.25	-	Prostitution
	2907.31	-	Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles
	2907.32	-	Pandering Obscenity
	2907.32.1	-	Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor
	2907.32.2	-	Pandering Sexually Oriented Matter Involving a Minor
	2907.32.3	-	Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity Oriented Material or Performance
	2911.01	-	Aggravated Robbery
	2911.02	-	Robbery
	2911.11	-	Aggravated Burglary
	2911.12	-	Burglary
	2919.12	-	Unlawful Abortion
	2919.22	-	Endangering Children
	2919.24	-	Contributing to Unruliness or Delinquency of a Child
	2919.25	-	Domestic Violence

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| 2923.12 | - | Carrying Concealed Weapons |
| 2923.13 | - | Having Weapons While Under Disability |
| 2923.16.1 | - | Improperly Discharging Firearm at or into Habitation or School |
| 2925.02 | - | Corrupting Another with Drugs |
| 2925.03 | - | Trafficking in Drugs |
| 2925.04 | - | Shall Not Cultivate or Manufacture Drugs |
| 2925.05 | - | Shall Not Provide Money to Another if the Recipient is to Use the Money to Purchase any Controlled Substance. |
| 2925.06 | - | Shall Not Administer, Prescribe, or Dispense any Anabolic Steroid Not Approved by the US FDA |
| 2925.11 | - | Drug Abuse, Shall Not Obtain, Possess or Use a Controlled Substance |
| 3716.11 | - | Adulterated Food |

House Bill 160 – Ohio Revised Code Disqualifiers

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	2903.12	-	Aggravated Assault
	2903.13	-	Assault
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	2903.21	-	Aggravated Menacing
	2903.34	-	Patient Abuse & Neglect
	2905.01	-	Kidnapping
	2905.02	-	Abduction
	2905.11	-	Extortion
	2905.12	-	Coercion
	2907.02	-	Rape
	2907.03	-	Sexual Battery
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	2911.13	-	Breaking and Entering

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2913.02	-	Theft: Aggravated Theft
2913.03	-	Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle
2913.04	-	Unauthorized Use of Property; Unauthorized Access to Computer System
2913.11	-	Passing Bad Checks
2913.21	-	Misuse of Credit Checks
2913.31	-	Forgery
2913.40	-	Medicaid Fraud
2913.43	-	Securing Writings by Deception
2913.47	-	Insurance Fraud
2913.51	-	Receiving Stolen Property
2919.25	-	Domestic Violence
2921.36	-	Conveyance of Certain Items onto Grounds of Detention, Mental Health or MRDD Facility
2923.12	-	Carrying Concealed Weapons
2923.13	-	Having Weapons While Under Disability
2923.16.1	-	Improperly Discharging Firearm at or into Habitation or School
2925.02	-	Corrupting Another with Drugs
2925.03	-	Trafficking in Drugs
2925.11	-	Drug Abuse
2925.13	-	Permitting Drug Abuse
2925.22	-	Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs
2925.23	-	Illegal Processing of Drug Documents
3716.11	-	Adulterated Food