

Indiana Retired Teachers Association GAL/CASA Partnership

The Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) has partnered with the GAL (Guardian Ad Litem)/CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program of Indiana to recognize outstanding CASA volunteers. The IRTA board wants to encourage our members to train and become active volunteers, advocating for children involved in CHINS (Child In Need of Service) cases.

For the past six years, the IRTA has recognized outstanding CASA volunteers at the annual IRTA Representative Assembly. **At the 2022 Representative Assembly in June, we would like to recognize a CASA volunteer from each of the ten areas of the state.**

A person can be nominated by a local IRTA member, his or her GAL supervisor, or any person who has been impressed by the CASA volunteer's work.

CRITERIA FOR AN IRTA CASA AWARD

- **Must be a state IRTA paid member and is active in IRTA**
- Shows enthusiasm for his or her role as a GAL/CASA
- Demonstrates diligence, thoroughness, and persistence in conducting research in the case/cases he or she is assigned
- Represents child's/children's interest to the court
- Promotes and supports GAL/CASA within the community

If you would like to nominate a CASA volunteer, please fill out the application to follow, and send by **March 4, 2022** to:

Linnie Harris (lharris@retiredteachers.org)

**2629 Waterfront Parkway East Drive, Suite 105
Indianapolis, IN 46214**

**2022 Indiana Retired Teachers Association
GAL/CASA Nomination Form**

Name of CASA Volunteer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Local RTA: _____

State IRTA Paid Member? Yes or No

(State IRTA paid membership is necessary to receive award)

Years as a volunteer advocate: _____

Attach a letter of recommendation, including a brief description of the person's work as a CASA.

Signature of person making the nomination: _____

If there are any questions, how should we get ahold of you, the nominator?

Please mail this completed form along with the letter of recommendation to:

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By Friday, **March 4, 2022**