



OUR IMPACT

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



Hope and Healing for Child Victims of Abuse and Neglect: Three Agencies, One Mission



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

SUNFLOWER CASA PROJECT, INC.



CAC
Child Advocacy Center

STEPPING STONES



CEVC
Child Exchange & Visitation Center

SUNFLOWER BRIDGE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

In the heart of Kansas, a child faces challenges no one should endure, thrust into a world of uncertainty and fear due to circumstances beyond their control. Their nights are filled with anxiety, and their days lack the carefree joy that defines childhood. Everything changes when this child is introduced to the Sunflower Children's Collective.

Through the unwavering support of Sunflower CASA, they are paired with a dedicated advocate who becomes their voice in tumultuous times. This advocate ensures the child's needs are met and that they feel heard and valued. At Stepping Stones Child Advocacy Center (CAC), this child finds a safe haven. The compassionate team provides them with essential resources, helping them navigate their emotions and begin the healing process. The center's warm environment is a safe and secure space, allowing them to open up and share their story without fear. Sunflower Bridge Child Exchange and Visitation Center (CEVC) facilitates supervised visits with the child's family, ensuring that these interactions are both safe and positive. These visits become a cornerstone in rebuilding trust and fostering healthy relationships. With the unwavering commitment of volunteers, the generosity of donors, and the encouragement of supporters, we are able to provide this vital care and advocacy.

Today, this child is a testament to resilience. With the comprehensive support of the Sunflower Children's Collective, they have rediscovered their smile, excel in school, and dream of a bright future. Their journey underscores the profound impact that dedicated advocacy and compassionate care can have on a child's life.

Sincerely,



Carson Kober
Executive Director

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Wabash on the Prairie Fundraiser

Largest fundraiser in 3-year event history

Highest community event participation in 2024

112% Growth
in agency grants and budgets over five years, with staff size doubling

Record high CASA trainings in 2024



Awarded

National CASA Growth Grant for 2025 expansion into 2nd Judicial District

SUNFLOWER CASA
COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES



Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

SUNFLOWER CASA

Sunflower CASA trains and supports community volunteers to advocate for child victims of abuse and neglect.

Our volunteers offer consistent support, ensuring that children's voices are heard and their needs are met.

114 Youth Served
61 CASA Volunteers
1600 hours Volunteer Time
10,610 Miles Driven
22 new CASAs Trained
Staff of 3 (Full-Time)
Staff of 2 (Part-Time)



STEPPING STONES CAC
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER



CAC
Child Advocacy Center

STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones CAC provides a safe and trauma-informed environment for child victims of sexual abuse to share their stories.

Our dedicated team conducts forensic interviews and offers child and family resources, along with advocacy, to support each child's journey toward healing and hope.



181
Forensic Interviews
Conducted

22% Increase
in Forensic Interviews
(same number of staff)

142 Families
Received Ongoing
Advocacy

3
Staff of 3 (Full-Time)

SUNFLOWER BRIDGE CEVC
CHILD EXCHANGE & VISITATION CENTER



CEVC
Child Exchange & Visitation Center

SUNFLOWER BRIDGE

Sunflower Bridge CEVC offers a safe, neutral space where children can connect with their non-custodial family members.

Our structured environment encourages positive interactions, safeguarding the child's emotional well-being during family transitions.



31
Families Served



277
Supervised Visits
and/or Exchanges



274 hours
Supervised Visits



4
Staff of 4 (Part-Time)





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DONATE, VOLUNTEER, and MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Join us in serving child victims of abuse and neglect in Manhattan, KS.

Volunteer your time, skills, and heart as a CASA advocate, CEVC observer, committee member, or board member. By supporting fundraising, community awareness, policy development, or safe parent-child connections, you bring hope and healing to children in need.

MAKE AN IMPACT- GET INVOLVED

- **DONATE**
 - **BECOME A TRAINED CASA**
 - **BECOME A TRAINED CEVC OBSERVER**
 - **BECOME A COMMITTEE MEMBER**
 - **BECOME A BOARD MEMBER**



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