

**CASA Volunteer Interview with Child in Placement...**

Although you wish to gather information from the child, it is important to build rapport first and not bombard him or her with questions. Make it more of a conversation that takes place over several visits.

<b>Name of Child:</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>
<b>Place of Interview:</b>	<b>CASA Volunteer:</b>
<b>Placement Phone #:</b>	<b>Case Name:</b>
<b>Name of Interviewer:</b>	<b>File #:</b>

**1. The child's feelings about...**

- **This placement:**
- **Whether he/she feels safe here:**
- **His/her sibling(s):**
- **Being separated from his/her parent(s):**
- **Visitation and telephone contact with parents and siblings:**

**2. The child's interests/hobbies/friends:** (to establish strengths and to discover ways to support the child and normalize his/her experience in care)

**3. This child has already discussed the allegations in the petition with the following persons:**

*(Note: It is not the CASA volunteer role to re-interview the child about those allegations unless the child wants to discuss them—and even then proceed cautiously because the child may have already been traumatized by multiple interviews and/or there may be criminal matters pending.)*

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Unsolicited, the child provided the following additional information about the underlying allegations:

4. The child would like the following needs to be addressed or options to be explored:

5. The other people living in this home are:

6. The child's sleeping arrangements are:

7. The child's after-school arrangements are:

8. The child has medical or mental health needs which are being addressed by:

9. The child's primary caretaker provided the following information about the child...

- Sleeping habits:
- Eating habits:
- Interactions with other family members:
- School performance and attitude toward school:
- Other:

10. Other relatives or family friends who might be resources on this care are:

11. My observations about this child are: