

JUST ONE THING

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Company/Organization: Court Appointed Special Advocated (CASA) of NH

Type of Organization: nonprofit

Number of Employees: 37

Category: Nonprofit

Challenge or Opportunity: When challenged with a global pandemic that closed the courts, restricted travel and face to face meetings, the volunteers at CASA did not falter in their mission to help the victimized children of New Hampshire. Now more than ever, these children needed a voice. We expect to see a rise in abuse cases as a result of the pandemic and CASA will be there for them.

Approach or Solution: With no foreseeable end to the pandemic, we have now pivoted to a virtual training and onboarding process, and are conducting virtual information sessions for those who are interested to learn more about CASA and our volunteer opportunities. Potential advocates can apply online and CASA staff will reach out to schedule a virtual interview.

Impact: With the shift to a virtual interview, screening, and training program, CASA has been able to recruit and train volunteers from all parts of the state at the same time. These advocates are able to meet virtually with their children, attend court proceedings, advocate on their behalf, so that no child is left without a voice in these uncertain times.