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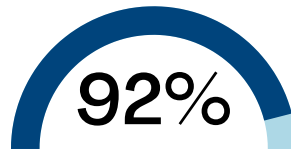
FY2022 ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2021- JUNE 30, 2022



92% of Children had a CASA

Volunteers served 92% of children in Missoula and Mineral County with an open Dependency & Neglect case.



100% of high-priority children received a CASA volunteer.



78 New Children Received a CASA

78 new children to the foster care system were assigned a CASA this fiscal year.

199 Children

had a CASA volunteer in Missoula and Mineral County

155 CASA Volunteers

stayed active with CASA of Missoula

60 children found a safe, permanent home*

with the help of a CASA volunteer.



**Permanency includes parental reunification, guardianship, or adoption.*

CASA volunteers donated over

4,661 hours of their own time.



Volunteers complete 30+ hours of training prior to being sworn in by the courts.



Our Mission:

CASA of Missoula provides independent, trained advocates for the best interest of children within the judicial system who are at substantial risk or have experienced abuse and neglect. We provide consistent, long-term advocacy until every child resides in a safe, permanent home.

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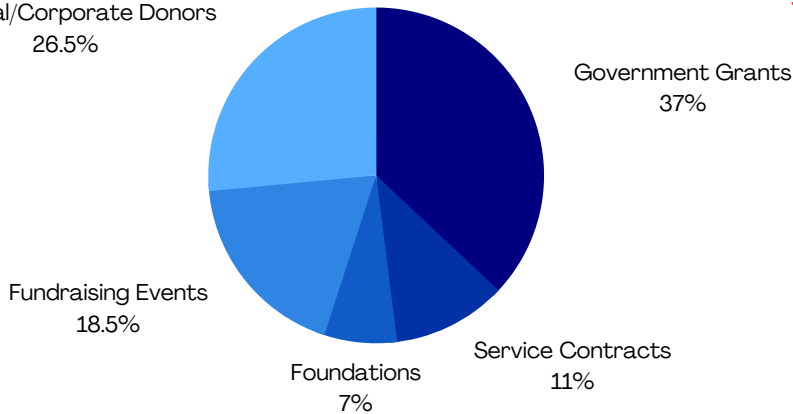
2022 FISCAL REPORT

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Revenue and Community Support

Individual/Corporate Donors
26.5%



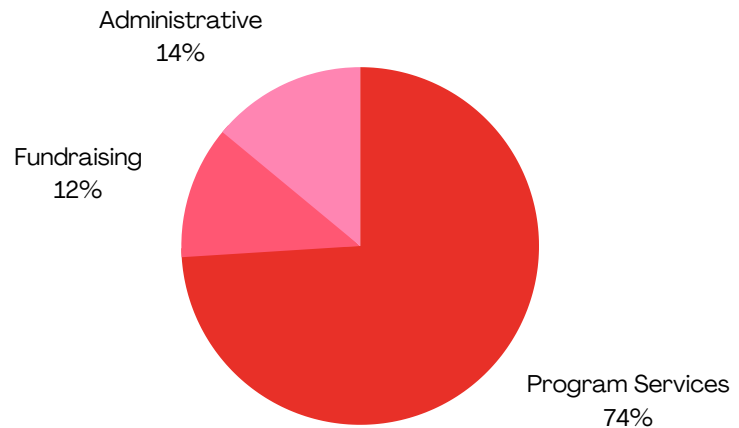
Total Revenue:
\$440,171

- **Government Grants:**
\$162,517
- **Service Contracts:**
\$47,947
- **Foundation Grants:**
\$31,500
- **Fundraising Events Net:**
\$81,465
- **Individual/Corporate Donors:**
\$116,743

Expenses

Total Expenses:
\$372,477

- **Program Services:**
\$276,915
- **Fundraising:**
\$43,575
- **Administrative:**
\$51,987



*CASA of Missoula utilized unspent revenue to stabilize the long-term financial security of the program by increasing reserves to recommended levels.



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CASA OF MISSOULA

Where Do Donations Go?

CASA of Missoula donations and funds go towards recruiting, training, and supporting our amazing CASA volunteers, who advocate for children with open abuse and neglect cases in Missoula and Mineral County courts until those children find a safe, permanent home.

CASA VOLUNTEER MICHELLE GRAY

Michelle has been a CASA volunteer since May 2020.

"Michelle is super dependable, consistent, and someone you can really trust and count on," said Kirsten Pulito, Michelle's court supervisor. "If you're in her life, she's truly there for you."

One teenager who experienced this first hand was Jason*, Michelle's CASA teen. **Jason was a smart kid, but he struggled with behavioral issues at school. He also had some learning disabilities,** which his Individualized Education Plan (IEP) addressed.

Michelle did a lot of work with Jason's school to ensure his success. When he wanted to start Driver's Ed, she advocated for his IEP to be followed there as well. **Michelle worked tirelessly to connect Jason with every resource he could qualify for outside school as well.**

Michelle developed a close relationship with Jason, but she also provided critical support to his grandmother and placement too. When Jason's behaviors became overwhelming for his grandmother, Michelle would then set Treatment Team Meetings and give updates to the court. These honest updates **kept everyone informed and Jason's placement successful.**

"Michelle's one of those people who can tell the truth in a way that's honest and not sugar-coated, but she's not judgmental, and you know she's on your side." Kirsten said. **"I felt like Jason would listen to her. He felt very cared for by her."**

Jason has since aged out of care, but Michelle's impact can still be felt. We wouldn't be surprised if Michelle remained in Jason's life in some form for many years to come.

**Youth's name changed to protect confidentiality*



CASA VOLUNTEER DENISE LAFONTAINE

Family reunification is the primary goal for our Dependency & Neglect cases, if it can be done safely. We believe children do best when their parents are healthy, and they can remain safely with their family. Last year, nearly 60% of all closed cases with a CASA ended in reunification.

Denise LaFontaine exemplifies this goal. **"Denise is really dedicated as a CASA. She really knows the ins and outs of the case and the family,"** Denise's CASA Supervisor Lindsay shared. "Mom has had a couple relapses, and Denise has been really encouraging at getting her back on track. We've discussed how progress isn't linear, but ultimately the case is moving in the right direction."

When Mom relapsed, Denise provided context to the court for why Mom was struggling, how she'd been working through those struggles, and what she needed from the court to be successful. Denise advocated for Mom to be moved to a full-time treatment facility.

"She doesn't sugar coat things, but she's honest while being encouraging. That's shown through her strong relationship with Mom," said Lindsay.

Denise shared, "These families are going through so much and working hard to do what is asked of them. **I try to use my role as a CASA to make sure that these families are getting the best chance that they can at completing their treatment plan, so that their children can come home or stay at home.**"

Now Mom is doing well on her Treatment Plan and the case is moving towards reunification and dismissal. Mom was concerned about losing support from CFS and Denise, so **Denise has offered to support her even beyond the closure of the case.**



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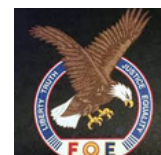
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