Our Mission
Piedmont Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc. (CASA) provides trained Volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children, promoting and supporting safe, permanent and nurturing homes for child victims before the courts of the 16th Judicial District of Virginia.

Our History
In 1995, our agency started with two Volunteers and two children. Since that time, Piedmont CASA has trained 648 Volunteers who have served over 1,800 abused and neglected children in Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Greene, and Louisa. Local judges have found the program so valuable that they automatically refer every new case alleging abuse and neglect to Piedmont CASA.

Our Year
Fiscal year 2016 was a record-setting year. We served 267 abused and neglected children - a 21% increase over last year, and a 14% increase over our previous high of 234 (FY 2014). We also set a record on our waiting list, which was 53 at its peak last year. The good news is that, even though some of the kids had to wait longer than we like, we were able to assign a CASA Volunteer to every child in foster care.

Drawings on cover and throughout this report are from the Kids4Kids Gallery, a collection of artwork donated by children in our community to help tell the story of Piedmont CASA children.
Piedmont CASA conducted two 32-hour training sessions and inducted 26 new CASA Volunteers.

98% of those children served by the program whose cases closed during FY 2016 remained free from new, founded incidents of abuse and/or neglect.

At the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2016) there was not a single child on our waitlist—every child in foster care who needed a CASA Volunteer had one.

CASA Volunteers spent approximately 7,953 hours meeting with children, parents, physicians, therapists, social workers, and attorneys, as well as attending court and other case-related meetings. They spent an additional 1,981 hours in ongoing training.

**FY 2016 was a year of sharp increases**

There was a 63% increase in the number of new children referred to the program, from 132 to 215.

There was a 71% increase in the number of referrals found to be appropriate and assigned CASA Volunteers, from 75 to 128.

There was a 15% increase in the number of family groups who were the subject of independent investigations, from 122 to 140.

There was a 54% increase in the number of hearings attended, from 316 to 487.

There was a 10% increase in the number of cases closed, from 81 to 89.

The length of time active CASA Volunteers served with the program increased 20%, from 40 to 48 months.
In FY16, there was a sharp spike in the number of children the courts referred to Piedmont CASA, a 63% jump over the previous year. (See chart on facing page.) As a result, our waiting list soared. By year’s end, we had served more young victims than ever before, 21% more than the previous year. Even though this annual evaluation is being written in the first quarter of FY17, we are already serving 195 boys and girls—with 32 on our waiting list.

The number of children served by county in FY16:

- Albemarle County: 130 (49%)
- City of Charlottesville: 107 (40%)
- Louisa County: 29 (11%)
- Greene County: 1 (0%)

To help ensure that these kids get all the medical, psychiatric, and educational interventions they need...they need Piedmont CASA Volunteers

Because when we build strong children we build a strong community
The hundreds of children and youth we serve each year range in age from newborn to eighteen, and now include eligible young adults aged 18 to 21. They reside in Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Greene, and Louisa. More than 95% come from homes where the family income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty line. They are Caucasian, Asian, and African-American. Approximately 13% are Hispanic. They are almost evenly divided between boys and girls. But they all have two things in common: their safety was so compromised that the courts had to intervene, and they are part of our community.

In FY 2016, prevalent family risk factors included: domestic violence, economic instability, mental health issues, and substance abuse. (Family Risk Factor reports submitted by CASA Volunteers and compiled in CASA Manager, an Outcomes Measurement Evaluation Tool for Virginia CASAs.)

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His mother was in prison and his father was simply not involved. So when six-year-old Lucas was left in the care of his elderly grandmother, he bristled with aggressive and destructive behaviors. She knew the anger and fear came from his former abuse and neglect, but she was suffering from her own health issues. Despite the fact that she loved Lucas and he adored her, taking care of him was overwhelming. Even with additional services and support in place, she was unable to provide the home structure needed for such a troubled boy to recover and thrive.

Lucas was put in foster care and he was assigned a Piedmont CASA Volunteer. Three months later, his grandmother died. The sudden loss amplified Lucas’ psychological problems and he was moved to a therapeutic residential facility.

That was when Lucas’ aunt stepped up and became a strong, consistent part of his life, so much so that she offered to take him into her own family. However, during a trial home placement, there was an incident between Lucas and one of his cousins. This quickly resulted in Lucas being placed in another therapeutic residential facility. Despite this troubling turn of events, his aunt stayed by his side, continued to attend family counseling sessions regularly, and developed a trusting relationship with his CASA Volunteer.

When Lucas was transferred to a third residential facility, the aunt told his CASA Volunteer something she had not told anyone else. She told him that Lucas could return to live with her, but in order for her children to be safe, Lucas needed his own bedroom. So if an addition were added to her house, she would take Lucas home again. Thanks to the relationship developed by the CASA Volunteer, a door opened for Lucas that everyone had considered shut. The Volunteer included this need in his Court Report, and advocated for extra space in the home.

The Department of Social Services approved partial funds for building supplies and searched for other resources in the community. We are pleased to say that construction has begun. When it is completed, Lucas will no longer be a little boy lost. He will return to the home of his beloved extended family.

One of the 122 Piedmont CASA Volunteers serving 267 kids in FY 2016
Each Volunteer works with only one child or sibling group. This focus ensures that the needs and desires of the children remain at the forefront of case planning and judicial proceedings. Even after the case is closed, the Court may ask a CASA Volunteer to monitor the situation for an additional three to six months to ensure that the child is safe, Court orders are followed, and services continue to be provided.

**Recruiting**

We are always recruiting Volunteers using every avenue available to us, from public service radio spots to television interviews to newspaper stories to social media announcements. We talk to clubs, churches, and businesses. We distribute posters and flyers, and seize any opportunity for speaking publicly about our mission and the ongoing need for CASA Volunteers. Our Board, Friends of CASA, and donors also help spread the word.

**Screening**

CASA Volunteers must be at least 21 and complete written applications, participate in personal interviews, and undergo extensive background checks.

**Training**

Piedmont CASA Volunteers must successfully complete 32 hours of training. Using the National CASA Association curriculum, this pre-service training focuses on cultural and ethnic diversity, the social, psychological, and medical components of child abuse and neglect, the juvenile court system, the policies and procedures of child protective services and foster care, and the policies and procedures of the CASA program. Investigation and advocacy techniques, court report writing, and community resources are also part of the curriculum. We are now in our third year of the *Fostering Futures* program, a new training curriculum for Volunteers who serve youths from 14 to 18 years old, as well as eligible young people up to the age of 21.

**Continuing Education**

Last year, 124 Volunteers in the program completed 1,981 hours of in-service training. Topics included Substance Abuse, Aging Out of Foster Care, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Trauma Informed Foster Care, Mental Health Issues, Advocacy Skills, Family Dynamics, Sexual Abuse, The Court’s Expectations of CASA (with the Honorable Edward DeJ. Berry), Open Adoption, Domestic Violence, Maltreatment of Children, Pregnancy and Methadone, Teen Suicide and Death, and Suicide Awareness.

Last year, Piedmont CASA Volunteers devoted 7,953 hours to the cases of 267 children in our community.
The Department of Criminal Justice Services values their time at $198,029.70
On October 15, 2015, the Piedmont CASA Board hosted a 20th Anniversary reception in honor of our Volunteers, supporters, and friends. The hosts were: Marty and Robert Sayler, Julie Christopher and Marge Connelly, and Jennifer and Frank Winslow. CASA Volunteer Lindsey Munson received the Ruth Stone Advocate of the Year for her thirteen years as a CASA Volunteer.

L-R: James Munson, Piedmont CASA President Alicia Lenahan, and CASA Volunteer Lindsey Munson at the 20th Anniversary reception on October 15, 2015. Photo by Jennifer Byrne Photography.

CASA Volunteers interview parents, caretakers, foster parents, social workers, therapists, educators, and other service providers; they attend service planning meetings and Family Partnership Meetings; and they meet with children in their placements at least monthly.

In addition, they provide parents/legal custodians with information about FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan, a program that provides low-cost health insurance for children in families that earn too much for Medicaid but do not have private health insurance) and Crime Victims Compensation assistance (where appropriate). The local United Way Resource Guide is provided as well.

CASA Volunteers collaborate extensively with social workers and treatment providers to ensure that all parties stay informed about progress and issues in each case, and that the children receive the services they need. Their investigations culminate with fact-based reports to the judge that include recommendations on how best to meet the needs of each child.

On November 17, 2015, nine new Piedmont CASA Volunteers took their oaths at the Induction Ceremony. Left to right: Kathy Floyd, Diana Villalobos, Rachael Givens Johnson, Shelley Collett, Debra Bryant, Tim Chillers, Chris Poe, Sabrine Tribie, Joseph Payne. The Honorable Edward DeJ. Berry is seated behind them. Two additional Volunteer graduates are not shown: Elaine Chapman and Emily Smith.
In FY 2016, our CASA Volunteers served more children than ever before: 267 in a single year. We were able to keep up with the record-breaking demand because our Volunteers stepped up to the plate. They attended 487 hearings, conducted 140 independent investigations, and documented 7,953 hours of meetings with children, parents, physicians, therapists, social workers, attorneys, and others. We know the actual hours our CASA Volunteers invested was considerably higher, but when they are focusing on their advocacy, they don’t always watch the clock.

Even though the waiting list hit a record high as well, we are extremely pleased to report that by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2016, every child in foster care had a CASA Volunteer.

The courts referred 215 children to Piedmont CASA last year. A large number of these cases were resolved by the Department of Social Services and the Court, eliminating the need for a CASA Volunteer. The remaining 128 cases were assigned a Volunteer as soon as one became available.

According to National CASA Association data, children with CASA Volunteers receive more services than children without an advocate. These services—whether medical, dental, educational, or psychological—often prove to be crucial to the children’s ability to recover from the devastating effects of the neglect or abuse they have suffered. Also, a child with a CASA Volunteer spends less time in foster care than child victims without an advocate. When children move out of foster care and into permanent homes, they benefit from lifelong connections, stable homes, and positive role models.

Volunteers do not get paid ... no fees are charged ... and no other program provides this service

On May 10, 2016, fifteen new Piedmont CASA Volunteers were inducted. Left to right: Mary Carrion, Alan Haverson, Michele Greep (in back), Charlotte Crystal, Addison Walker, Hal Kahn, Diane Dale, Elodie Wolfe, Kendall Bills, Katie Faulconer, Sarah Ericksen, Janet Legro, Ann Fox, Preeya Fozdar, and Artaga Carey. Seated behind them is the Honorable Edward DeJ. Berry, Judge of the 16th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. Photo by Larry Bouterie.
Measuring Piedmont CASA’s Impact

On Safety and Health for the Children

OF THE 267 CHILDREN SERVED IN FY 2016

149 (56%) were in out-of-home placements; the average number of placement changes per child in placement was 2.63 (including initial removals from home).

117 (44%) experienced 172 placement changes during the period. Fifty-eight were initial removals from home. Of the 114 changes after the initial removal, 95 were changes to placements of equal or less restriction, and 19 were changes to placements with more restriction, due to the child’s need for more services.

At year end, 149 children remained in Department of Social Services custody. Of those, 33 (22%) of the children lived in their own home or with a relative, and 96 (65%) lived in family-setting foster homes. Five (3%) of the children were in adoptive or pre-adoptive placements. The remaining 15 (10%) were in group homes, residential treatment facilities, short-term diagnostic facilities, or trial placements.

OF THE 89 CHILDREN WHOSE CASES CLOSED IN FY 2016

98% remained free from founded re-abuse while served by Piedmont CASA.

Of the 42 children (47%) who presented with physical health concerns, all (100%) received appropriate treatment and/or showed improved conditions by case closing. Health issues faced by this group of children included leukodystrophy, autism, Down Syndrome, pre-natal drug exposure, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, dental neglect, pregnancy, failure to thrive, epilepsy, and sickle cell anemia.

Of the 32 children (36%) who presented with mental health conditions, all (100%) received appropriate treatment by case closing. Conditions included general anxiety disorder, PTSD, oppositional defiant disorder (ODD), emotional neglect, reactive attachment disorder (RAD), depression, aggression, and parentification. Treatments included trauma-based therapy, play therapy, individual therapy, family therapy, in-home counseling, in-patient treatment, and medication.

Forty-nine (55%) children were of school age. Based on teacher reports and report cards, all 49 (100%) were meeting grade-level performance and/or receiving remedial services. Services included Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), tutoring, remedial support, English as a Second Language (ESL) services, and an educational support specialist.
Measuring Piedmont CASA’s Impact

On Strengthening the Community

Piedmont CASA maintains ongoing partnerships with many local organizations. Collaborations are formed with the primary goal of ensuring the safety of children, but focus also on strengthening families and community education and outreach.

- The Charlottesville and Albemarle Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) meet monthly to staff cases involving child sexual abuse and/or serious physical injury. This interdisciplinary collaboration with the police department, Child Protective Services (CPS), prosecutors, and mental health professionals helps to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and ensures the provision of appropriate mental health services to child victims. Each team member brings special expertise and case knowledge. The CASA Supervisor in particular focuses attention on the safety, stability, and mental health needs of the children.

- The Family Drug Treatment Court (FTC)—a collaborative project between the Charlottesville and Albemarle Departments of Social Services, Piedmont CASA, the Region Ten Community Services Board, and the Court—is designed to protect children from abuse and neglect precipitated by the substance abuse of a parent or caregiver. This interdisciplinary team works with participants to develop case plans for the parent’s treatment and family service needs, as well as for the child’s safety and health needs, both physical and mental. These efforts are reinforced by intensive judicial monitoring. Piedmont CASA participates in weekly case management team meetings and court hearings to ensure the children’s needs are considered in the parent’s treatment plan.

- The Charlottesville Best Practices Team works to implement the Court Improvement Program in dependency cases and to provide regional training to improve practice in the dependency courts. Piedmont CASA is an active, essential member.

- The Louisa Interagency Council (LIAC) was formed to develop strategies that will keep citizens informed about the needs of the community, the resources that are available, and how they can become involved or get access. Piedmont CASA consistently takes advantage of community awareness events organized by the LIAC.

- Each fall, Piedmont CASA partners with the University of Virginia School of Law Pro Bono Program. We accept up to five law students into each CASA training session, and provide training and supervision to give them hands-on experience working as child advocates in the juvenile court.

- Every August, the men and women of GE Intelligent Platforms collect and donate school supplies and backpacks. In December, they donate holiday presents for the children served by Piedmont CASA. Last year their generosity provided school supplies/backpacks and holiday gifts for over 120 children.

NEW! In partnership with ReadyKids, Piedmont CASA is developing a Trauma-Informed Community Network. The goal is to engage diverse professionals from across the region so that our children and their families have continuous trauma-informed care. Read more in the “Looking Forward” section on page 16.
Measuring Piedmont CASA’s Impact

On Building Community Awareness

To help build awareness about child abuse and neglect across the community, Piedmont CASA maintains an active social media presence on Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter. We also produce radio PSAs and print materials, and are always available for speaking engagements and community training. In FY 2016, we attended or participated in scores of events around the community including the WVPT Kids Book Festival at the John Paul Jones Arena, the Fall Harvest Festival in Louisa County, and many more, some of which are noted in the photos below.

Senator Creigh Deeds, Board member Marty Sayler, and Ruth Wadlington at Piedmont CASA’s 20th Anniversary reception on October 15, 2015. The event was hosted by Board members in honor of Volunteers, supporters, and friends of Piedmont CASA. The hosts were Marty and Robert Sayler, Julie Christopher and Marge Connelly, and Jennifer and Frank Winslow. It was held at the Farmington Country Club. Image courtesy of Jennifer Byrne Photography.

MIDDLE ROW: Drawings donated by kids to help us tell the story of CASA kids, at the WVPT Kids Book Festival (9-26-15); Guest speaker Ellen Webb talks about her experiences as a foster parent working with CASA Volunteers in three states at our 20th Anniversary reception for Volunteers, Friends, and Supporters. Photo by Jennifer Bryne Photography (10-15-15); Piedmont CASA President Alicia Lenahan on the WINA Morning News show with Jane Foy and Rick Daniels (11-12-15). BOTTOM ROW: Alicia Lenahan speaks to the Kappa Alpha Theta Recruitment Workshop (11-15-15); All set up for the Combined Virginia Campaign at UVA (11-18-15); Program Director Randy Nolt loaded up with backpacks donated by the men and women of GE Intelligent Systems (8-4-15); Picking up holiday presents donated to CASA kids by the generous folks at GE Intelligent Systems: Alicia Lenahan flanked by CASA Supervisors Sherri Rosser, Kati Naess, and Eleanor Downey (12-11-15); Junior League prepare appeal letters (10-15-15).
More than 83% of the children we serve come from households struggling at or below the federal poverty line. On April 23, 2016, 62 men and women participated in Piedmont CASA’s Poverty Simulation at Charlottesville High School. Each participant was assigned the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget. The goal was simple: keep a roof over your head and pay your bills. But there is nothing simple about it if you’re one of the working poor. The Poverty Simulation broadened awareness of the challenges faced on a daily basis by 27% of the households in the Charlottesville community—families who are struggling at or below the poverty line.
**We Couldn’t Do It Without You**

**Jimmy Miller’s Bracket Breakfast for Piedmont CASA**

March 14, 2016. Guests started arriving at 6:45 am, and by 7:30 the Omni Ballroom was buzzing with over 200 people for “Jimmy ‘Magic Man’ Miller’s Bracket Breakfast”. David Koehn and Rachel Ryan emceed. Ralph Sampson, Barry Parkhill, Antonio Rice, and Jay James were panelists. The event raised $19,791 for Piedmont CASA, helped recruit several Volunteers, and increased awareness of the plight of abused and neglected children in our community.

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December 2015
And for the 13th winter, they gave holiday presents to 126 Piedmont CASA kids all around our community.

August 2015
The fabulous men and women of GE Intelligent Platforms sent more than 100 CASA boys and girls back to school with brand new backpacks and supplies.

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Financial Highlights

Piedmont CASA does not charge fees. We rely on a comprehensive development plan and the generosity of community members and friends. We seek funding each year from public and private sources: government grants, foundations, corporations, and individuals. We believe it is important to avoid being too reliant on any one funding source—especially in trying economic times—so that Piedmont CASA is not jeopardized should a particular funding stream dry up; the service we provide is too important.

Child Abuse is Costly

The financial costs for both victims and society are substantial. Let’s just look at one year in the United States. In 2008, there were three million reports of child abuse and neglect. That breaks down to six complaints per minute, every day. At the end of the year, 772,000 children were classified as maltreated, and 1,740 died. The financial cost to the nation was $124 billion. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Report, 2011, the most recent year for which these statistics are available.)

For the children, health repercussions for that one year of abuse and neglect were numerous: improper brain development, impaired learning, blindness, cerebral palsy, head trauma, physical injuries, anxiety, smoking, alcoholism, drug abuse, and higher risks for heart, lung and liver diseases as well as obesity, cancer, and high blood pressure. All this is from one year of maltreatment. Add multiple years of abuse and neglect, and the risks for these health problems increase in frequency and severity.

The estimated average lifetime cost per child victim is $210,012. This includes $43,178 in healthcare costs and $144,360 in productivity losses. This damage is comparable with other health conditions like stroke, (lifetime cost $159,846) or type 2 diabetes (lifetime cost between $181,000 and $253,000).

CASA is Cost-Effective

• The cost of keeping one child in a Virginia juvenile justice facility for one year is approximately $260,019.
• With the funds used to incarcerate that one child, Piedmont CASA Volunteers could serve over 100 kids.
• Historically, one CASA Volunteer cuts the amount of time a child spends in foster care by an average of 7.5 months - which translates into an annual savings of $24,375.

TOP - United Way Day of Caring: Piedmont CASA President Alicia Lenahan, United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area President Cathy Train, Volunteers Jorge N. and SSgt. Christopher Campbell, and United Way-TJA Board Member Michael Geismar. (9-16-15); Facilitator Paige Nolt, MSW, LCSW, Clinical Social Worker Specialist, South Central Counseling Group, speaking at Piedmont CASA’s first Trauma-Informed Care Workshop. Panelists were L-R: Garrett Jones, LCSW, Program Supervisor, Community Attention Foster Families, Katie-Anne Padalino, LPC, Senior Trauma Counselor, ReadyKids, Mario D. Salas, J.D., Attorney, JustChildren, Legal Aid Justice Center, Angela A. Giaffi, J.D., Legal Director, JustChildren, Legal Aid Justice Center (5-13-16); Bracket Breakfast Tournament Winner Rick Wampler and Jim Miller, Piedmont CASA Board Member and Bracket Breakfast Committee Chair. BOTTOM: WNDR Jaclyn Piermarini interviews Piedmont CASA President Alicia Lenahan and Volunteer Chuck Gross (12-9-15); Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority addressing Valentine thank-you cards. L-R: Gigi Dick, Liza Cox, Grace Mountcastle, and Story Vibranz (2-4-16); NBC29 interviews Alicia Lenahan about child poverty (7-21-15).
FY16 was a banner year. One hundred twenty-four (124) Piedmont CASA Volunteers served two hundred sixty-seven (267) abused and neglected children – more than in any previous year. Under the leadership of Program Director Randy Nolt, the CASA Supervisors did an outstanding job of making that possible. Experienced advocates took second cases, recent graduates from Volunteer training were assigned more quickly than ever before, and some advocates were coaxed out of retirement. I am very proud that Piedmont CASA was able to ensure that every child who needed a CASA Volunteer had one. But rather than rest on our laurels, the Piedmont CASA team identified several opportunities for growth in FY17. I’m pleased to tell you about one of them here.

Trauma Informed Community Network

Piedmont CASA and ReadyKids are leading the effort to create a Trauma Informed Community Network (TICN) in Greater Charlottesville. We have been inspired by trauma-informed care and trauma-informed practices around the country. In particular, we are following in the footsteps of Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now), which, under the leadership of Executive Director Jeanine Harper, established a TIC Network in 2012.

Like Richmond, we are actively recruiting members across disciplines to ensure that all entities involved in child welfare work in our area are represented. Our first Network meeting was held on September 26, 2016, and over seventy (70) people attended. They represented the Departments of Social Services, public schools and juvenile detention, as well as many child and family-serving organizations.

Why Our Community Needs Trauma-Informed Care

Why are social workers, teachers, counselors, foster parents, CASA staff and Volunteers, and line staff at SARA, the Haven and SHE Shelter committed to improving trauma-informed care in our community?

• The trauma caused by childhood neglect, sexual or domestic abuse wrecks havoc on our bodies - it is one of our most urgent public health issues.

• Research demonstrates that trauma physically affects the brain and body, causing anxiety, rage, and the inability to concentrate. Victims have trouble remembering, trusting, and forming relationships. They have lost control. Although news reports and discussions tend to focus on war veterans, abused children, domestic violence victims and victims of violent crime suffer as well.

• We now know that these behaviors are not the result of moral failings or signs of lack of willpower or bad character. They are caused by changes in the brain.

Instead of asking “What’s wrong with you?”
We’re asking “What happened to you?”

Traumatized kids don’t act out because there is something wrong with them, they act out because of what happened to them. And if we want these youngsters to have better outcomes, it is incumbent upon us to know that, to find out what the problem is, and to address it with kindness, support, and healthy connections.

To that end, the Greater Charlottesville Trauma Informed Community Network will provide resources, education, and consultation to all our stakeholders. Our goal is for everyone to promote strengths-based trauma-informed best practices in their work. It’s a difference our children will feel.
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Because every child who needs an advocate deserves to have one ...

Piedmont CASA will continue to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and the need to support the children and families who are affected.

Piedmont CASA will always strive to have a Volunteer for every abused and neglected child in our community. To that end, we will persistently recruit, screen and train new CASA Volunteers.

Piedmont CASA will promote strong collaborations with our partners in the child welfare system so that the children we serve have every opportunity to achieve safety and stability in permanent homes and receive the services they need to heal and grow.

Piedmont CASA will constantly endeavor to improve our program in order to enhance the short and long-term outcomes for the children and youth we serve.