



James Hatter

Dear CASA CEOs and Executive Directors,

5/9/2017

Chair

Shelley Brown

The Board of Directors of the California Court Appointed Special Advocates Association (California CASA) is pleased to announce the selection of Sharon Lawrence as our new CEO.

Vice Chair

Jan-Yu Weng

Sharon comes to us from the position of CEO of Voices for Children (VFC) in San Diego and Riverside Counties. Over the past two decades she has led and developed her organization into one that is the largest in California and recognized as one of the top three CASA programs in the nation. VFC currently serves more than 3,300 children - the number served has tripled during the past seven years. Sharon has deep experience in all facets of CASA leadership and management and the child welfare system within which we all work.

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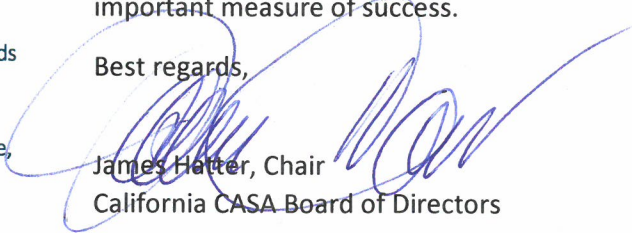
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Sharon is excited about the upcoming transition to California CASA. She stated, "I am so proud of Voices for Children and the work that our CASAs and staff do every day to help boys and girls in foster care. I leave Voices for Children in good hands—led by an extraordinary Board of Directors and a brilliant staff of 75 individuals committed to making life better for foster children in San Diego and Riverside Counties. I believe that California CASA is an organization poised for growth, and I look forward to expanding my service to foster children across California through my new statewide role. My vision is that California CASA will be an effective partner for all of the state's local CASA programs in ways that will enhance their growth and development."

Sharon will become CEO of California CASA effective November 1. Until then, our interim CEO Mim Carlson and our Oakland staff will continue to provide services and support to the California network. If you have questions about the leadership transition, please contact Mim at 510-663-8440, x1.

We have all seen strong growth in the number of children served in California in recent years. With Sharon joining us, we look forward to continuing and amplifying that most important measure of success.

Best regards,


James Hatter, Chair
California CASA Board of Directors