



CASA of Middlesex County

FY 2019 Annual Report



Our Mission

CASA of Middlesex County is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving abused and neglected children who are living in out-of-home placements. CASA recruits and trains volunteers to advise the courts and advocate for the children's best interests.

Who We Are

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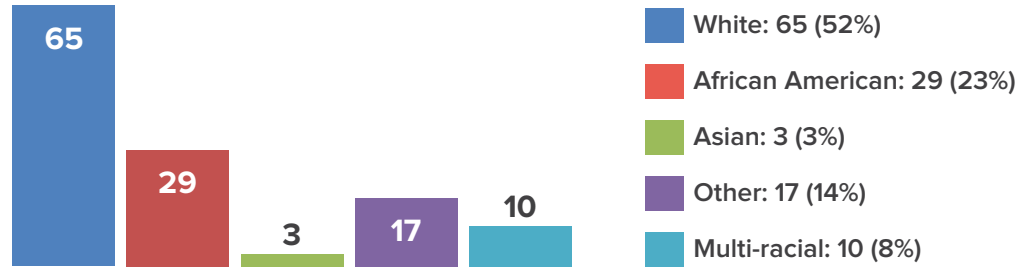
Nora Siklosi Szabo,
**Outreach & Program
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Maame Offei,
Administrative Assistant

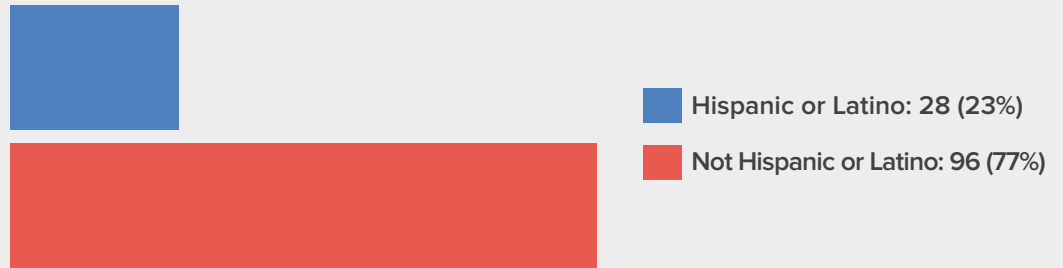
The Children

CASA served 124 children in FY 2019, which equates to 30% of the 418 children from Middlesex County who were in foster care during that time.

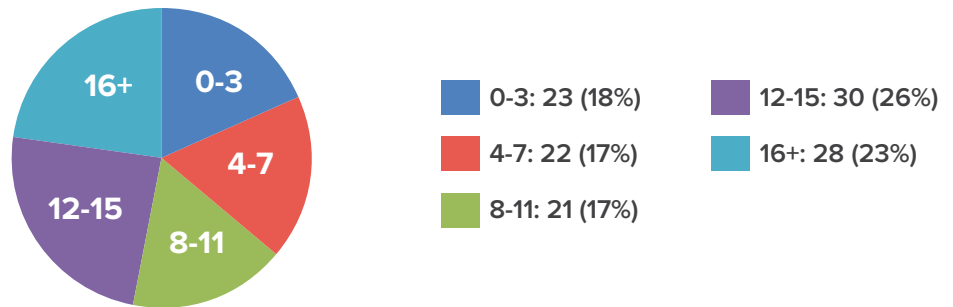
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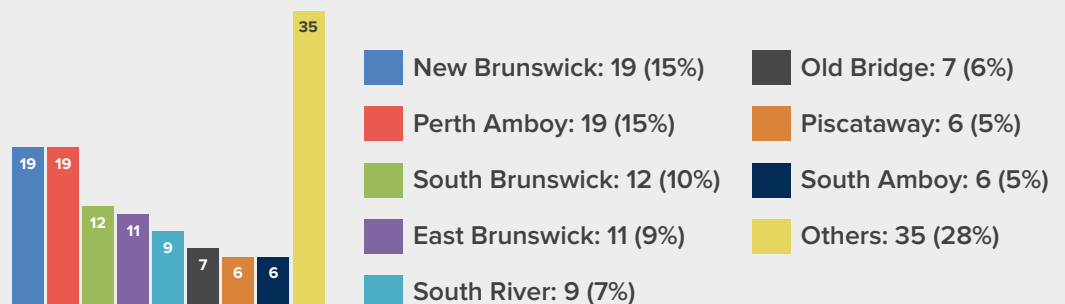
Ethnic Origin of Children



Age of Children



Origin of Children



The Fundraisers

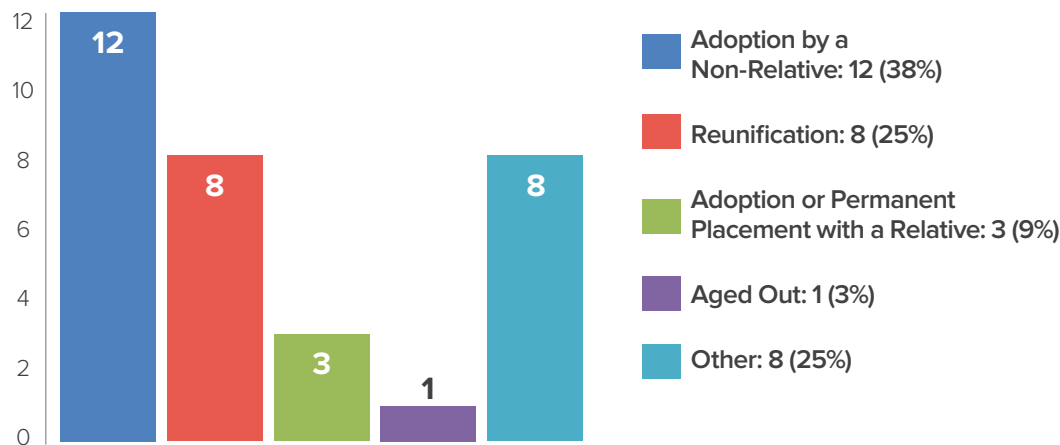
Holiday Ask: The Holiday Ask raised \$13,927.

Toast: Toast 2019 honored Kenneth Armwood for his commitment to public service, community development, and youth outreach. The event included a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. It raised \$35,073.

The Volunteers

CASA worked with 58 volunteers appointed to 124 children in FY 19. Volunteers donated a total of 4,459 case-related hours valued at \$128,508. They also drove 23,581 miles to visit children and gather information about them.

Closed Cases (32 total)



A few words from our volunteers

“Even though we face tough problems, it is rewarding to be working with a team of people who all care about making a child’s life better.”

— Michael Reina, Advocate

“Volunteering helps achieve a sense of purpose and allows me to appreciate life and family/friends around me. I gained the ability to work with people that are different from the way that I have been raised. Along with empathy, I have attained confidence and have learned how to step outside of my comfort zone.”

— Farah Patel, Advocate

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A Child's Story



Andre had been in and out of foster care since he was 9 months old. As Andre's 18th birthday approached, he experimented with drugs.

Megan, his advocate, knew that due to his drug use, difficulties in school, and lack of support, Andre wouldn't have many options if he left foster care at 18. Because Megan was the one consistent person in Andre's life, she was able to persuade him to stay in foster care until he turned 21 and to join the Job Corps.

Andre finished high school drug-free and learned a trade, while living in a safe environment and making life-long friendships.

Sources of Income:

