

FAMILY SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

Foster Care / Court Programming



The programming in MHA's Family Support & Advocacy Services division (FSAS) offers supportive services for families affected by mental illness in one or more of their family members. FSAS programming is strength-based, person-centered, trauma-informed, and family-driven, with interventions based on each individual family's needs.

FOSTER CARE/COURT PROGRAMMING

CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocates

CASA of Dutchess County is part of a national network of citizen-advocates who provide Family Court judges with impartial information about the circumstances and progress of children in foster care, or at risk of placement, due to abuse or neglect. Their written reports become part of the court record. CASAs complete a 40-hour training about child abuse and neglect laws, court procedure, child development, and other pertinent topics. CASAs also complete 10 hours of Family Court observation before being sworn in by the Chief Judge of the Family Court. Referrals are through Family Court only.

For more information: 845-473-2500 x1323.

