

**16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MISSOURI
FAMILY COURT DIVISION**

IN RE: Jackson County CASA
Chiefs Charity Game Attendance

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 26-01

ORDER

Now on this 15th day of May, 2026:

Whereas, Jackson County Court Appointed Special Advocates (“CASA”) is a non-profit organization that uses its partnership with the Kansas City Chiefs to raise awareness and funds to expand its capacity to provide highly trained volunteer advocates and legal services for children in the Jackson County Family Court system; and

Whereas, CASA would like to send selected children, who are ages 17 and under and represented by CASA within the Jackson County Family Court system (“CASA kids”), and other members of their household, to the Chiefs’ Field Day on June 3, 2026 and the Chiefs’ Charity Game on August 15, 2026;

Whereas during the course of these events, CASA kids may be photographed or video recorded or identified in media as “representatives of Jackson County CASA”, along with CASA staff, board members, their families and friends, and other community members; and

Whereas, Missouri Children’s Division policy, as written in Section 8, Chapter 4, Subsection 1 of the Missouri Department of Social Services Child Welfare Manual, prohibits the exploitation of children and supports a child’s right to privacy, and requires Children’s Division to ask any children who may have media involvement if they are interested in participating, and to seek the Court’s permission for children ages 17 and under any time a child’s name or picture is used for public performance and media involvement;

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that, effective May 15, 2026, that the CASA kids, and other children in the Jackson County Family Court system ages 17 and under who reside in the CASA kids’ household, and who are invited and wish to attend the Chiefs’ Field Day on June 3, 2026 or the Chiefs’ Charity Game on August 15, 2026, may attend and/or participate in the events (excluding media interviews) without requiring specific judicial approval, provided that the following procedure is followed:

- The child, if 17 or under, has been informed about the opportunity to go to the Chiefs’ Field Day or Chiefs’ Charity Game and the possible photography, videography, or media involvement, and that their participation is strictly voluntary, and the child has expressed interest in participating;
- CASA and/or Children’s Division has employed good faith efforts to seek and obtain the consent of the selected child’s parents or legal guardian to attend these events with the understanding that their child could be photographed, video recorded, and/or identified in media and photos as a “representative of Jackson County CASA”, and said parent or guardian has not objected or expressly refused to consent;
- CASA and/or Children’s Division shall keep a record of responses for each participating child, to be available to the Court upon request. CASA and/or Children’s Division shall

file a motion to put the issue in front of the Administrative Judge for judicial review, if a parent refuses to consent and the CASA child(ren) wants to attend the field day event or game.

- At no time shall a child be individually identified via name to the media, or identified as being in foster care, or as being involved in the Jackson County Family Court system.
- CASA and/or Children's Division shall educate all CASA kids and other children in the Jackson County Family Court system who attend any of these events about proper social media use while at these events in order to protect the privacy of other CASA kids.

This order shall be in effect until August 16, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

05/15/2026
DATE



MARK A. STYLES, JR.
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE, DIVISION 19
FAMILY COURT DIVISION

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