



## Needs Assessment Directions

You will need to conduct a Needs Assessment as a part of the New Program Development. You will then develop a written report based on the following:

1. Interview with Key Players: Within this section please address the key players you met with and your discussions with them. Some of these key players will be: judges, child protective services personnel, prosecutor, state CASA/GAL director, adjacent local CASA/GAL program directors, guardian ad litem attorneys, and community child advocates.
2. Baseline Statistics: this includes the following:
  - a. Number of reports and substantiations of suspected child abuse and neglect in the area;
  - b. Number of petitions filed over the past five years;
  - c. Number and demographics of the children before the court;
  - d. Duration of the court process in child abuse cases ;
  - e. Permanency outcomes for children ; and
  - f. Any other relevant statistics regarding child abuse in your community.
3. Current Process for representation of child's best interest, wishes and legal rights before the court and who serves in those capacities.
4. Any other relevant information regarding the need for a CASA program in your community.