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Dear Advocate,

Bergen CASA's mission is to advocate for foster children, and my role—along with the Board—is to support you in this work. There may be situations where you should contact me directly. This reinforces what you learned in pre-service training: if something concerns you, please reach out.

Contact me immediately if:

- You are contacted by the police, asked to testify, or required to present information in court or at a hearing.
- Your CASA child or their family faces imminent immigration issues.
- You believe you need legal representation.

Crisis Management:
Bergen CASA has a Crisis Management Plan. If a crisis is identified, only the Executive Director or a designated representative may speak on CASA's behalf. Failure to comply could result in termination of your Advocate status.

Mandatory Reporting:
CASA volunteers must immediately report:

1. **Suspected child abuse or neglect** – Call **877-NJ-ABUSE (877-652-2837)** and notify your Case Supervisor.
2. **Threats of harm to self or others** – Contact the police if there is immediate danger, **877-NJ-ABUSE**, or the child's Division Worker (or their supervisor).

You can reach me directly at **551-404-3381** or contact a Crisis Management Team member listed below.

Thank you,

Lucy

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