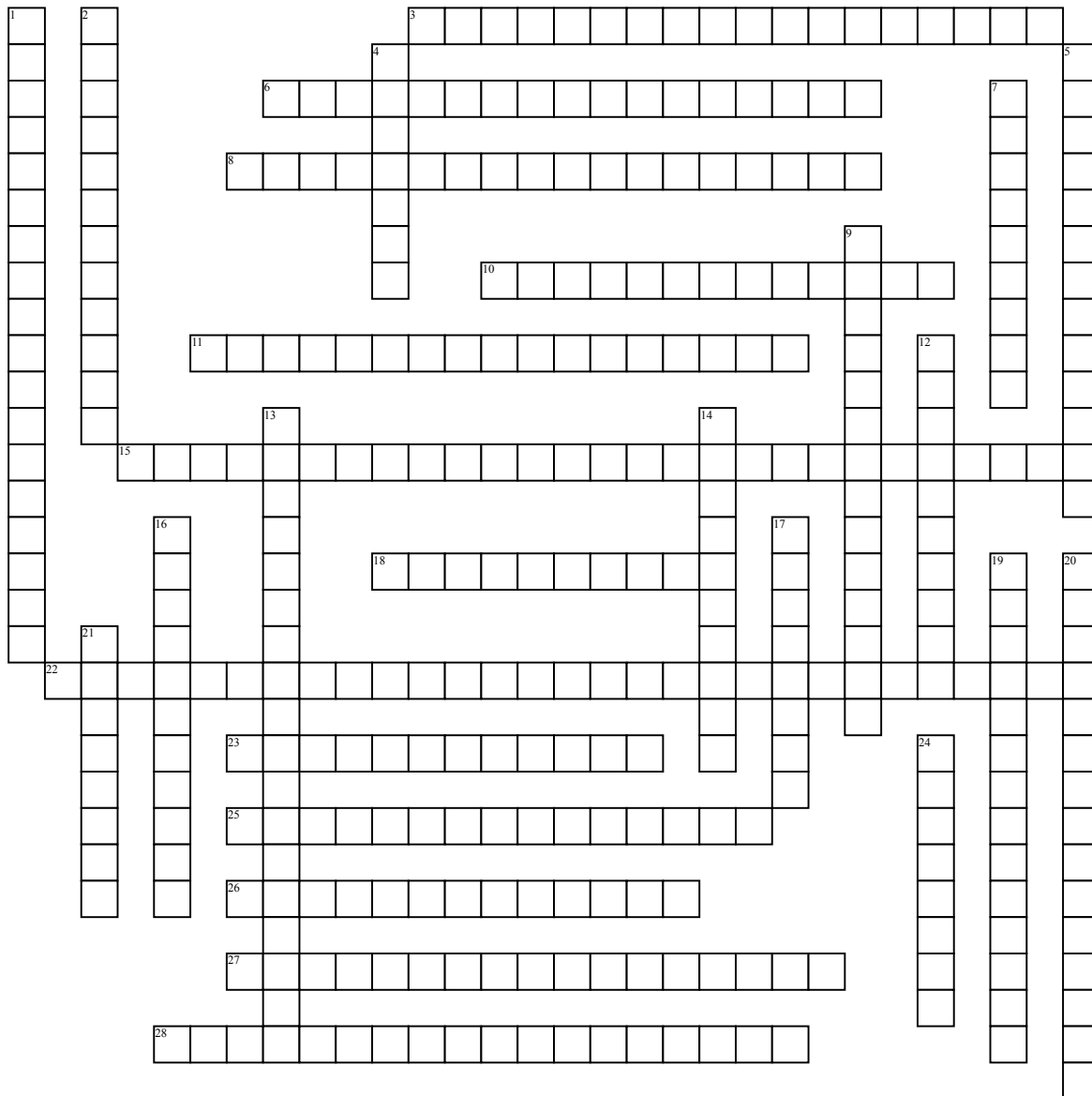


# CASA Dictionary Crossword Puzzle



## **Across**

3. a permanent home

6. a child who has been abused by their family, removed from home, and sent to live in foster care

8. keeping the families together

10. advocating for the rights of children to make sure our laws and practices protect their right to grow up in safe, loving, permanent homes

11. from many agencies and specialties

15. legal action to sever all ties with the birth family

18. allowed to be together or see each other

22. sometimes used to describe CASA/CAJA volunteers that research a child's case, go to court to recommend to the judge what decision is best for the child, and then watch over the case until it is out of the court system

23. the publicly funded agency in the state that is required to look into reports of child neglect or abuse

25. the know-how to keep children safe and healthy

26. bringing the child back together with their parents

27. required by federal law that social service agencies help a family keep a child or to get their child back

28. when a child has been placed in multiple homes over a course of time

## **Down**

1. making the effort to see that a child has a permanent place to live

2. the judge's ruling on the charges of abuse or neglect

4. example: a child being left alone for hours while their mom is out with her boyfriend

5. an example of this is a mother scalded her child's hand under a hot water faucet

7. a home, foster home, or special school

9. biological parents

12. watching over a child's case

13. means the child had to be moved somewhere else

14. the status given to a child in the welfare system or foster care

16. the judge's final decision about what should happen to protect and help the child and his family.

17. a broad term for the child welfare system, the court system, or the government

19. characterized by phrases such as "you're worthless"

20. a person appointed by the judge to communicate a child's needs

21. drug rehabilitation, mental health counseling, parent education, etc.

24. how the state agency plans to help a child