



In advocating for an abused or neglected child, you give that child a voice

– and a chance for a better life.

For more information, contact:

Florida Statewide Guardian ad Litem
Program

P.O. Box 10628

Tallahassee, Florida 32302

www.GuardianadLitem.org

(866) 341-1GAL



A child's voice
A child's life
Lifted up
By you



I am for the child®



GAL

Guardian ad Litem

**A POWERFUL VOICE FOR
FLORIDA'S CHILDREN**

**FLORIDA GUARDIAN AD LITEM
PROGRAM**

Too many children in the child welfare system lose their families, their rights and their hope.

We see news stories every day about children taken from abusive homes, or because of the tragic loss of a parent.

Stories about

- a six-year-old girl who has been moved to six group homes and three schools within just two years;
- a toddler separated from her brothers and sisters during the most vulnerable time of her life;
- an eighteen year old being handed all his belongings in a plastic bag and sent out into the world, because he has aged out of the system.

These stories occur repeatedly in America's foster care and child welfare system.



These stories can have better endings, because there is a group of trained volunteers to advocate for these children. People who fight for these abused children to make sure their basic rights and essential needs are not ignored by the system.

We are **Guardian ad Litem** (GAL), a volunteer powered network of committed people – from all walks of life – who believe society has a fundamental obligation to these children.

We are people just like you who believe that every child has the right to be safe, and to thrive in the embrace of a loving family.

“While my life was so uncertain, always switching houses and never knowing who my social worker would be from one week to the next, one factor remained constant - my *Guardian ad Litem*.”

Help us serve every child.

With a GAL volunteer, a child is half as likely to languish in the foster care and child welfare system, and more likely to find a safe, permanent home.

Today, there are many children in the system that have no access to a GAL volunteer. Until every child has a voice, the GAL Program will not rest.

Our mission –

Advocating for the child's best interest is our only interest!



Lift up a child's voice. A child's life.™