"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."

- 17 year old girl

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FLORIDA GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

WHAT IS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM?

A Guardian ad Litem (GAL) is appointed by the Court to advocate for a child. Most of these children have been removed from their homes because of alleged abuse, abandonment, or neglect. The GAL becomes familiar with the child and the child's case and makes recommendations to the Court to help ensure a safe, caring, and permanent environment.

I am for the child™

ROLES OF THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Information Gatherer

Collects information from people that are involved in the child's life, such as: foster parents, caregivers, and their teachers.

Community Advocate

Works with community partners to ensure that the child is receiving the assistance and support needed to succeed.

Courtroom Advocate

Makes independent recommendations to the Court and becomes the voice of the child, communicating the child's best interest to the Court.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

It is incredibly rewarding to advocate for a child, and it has never been easier to get started.

GUARDIAN AD LITEMS RECEIVE

- The opportunity to be a champion for an abused or neglected child.
- 30 hours of training and 12 hours annually of continuing education provided by the Guardian ad Litem Program —previous training or legal background is not required.
- A strong and responsive support system including program staff and attorneys who, along with the volunteer, work as a team to provide advocacy for a child.

Other Ways You Can Help

— Become active in our non-profit organization: Voices for Osceola's Children.
www.VoicesOC.org

— Donate to the Guardian ad Litem Program

— Become a corporate partner

— Become a sponsor for our annual fundraiser

— Talk to your elected officials about the importance of the Guardian ad Litem Program

— Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

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