



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR GAL IF YOU HAVE ANOTHER TYPE OF CASE



GAL stands for guardian ad litem. GALs are attorneys who argue for what they decide is best for children/youth in many types of cases. Two popular types of cases where GALs represent the best interests of children/youth are delinquency and pendency and neglect (D&N) cases. This page outlines what children/youth can expect from GALs in other types of cases.

CONTACT

You can expect your GAL to...

Visit you in person. BUT if you are placed far away from the court where your case is heard, your GAL may visit you in other ways...like over the phone, in text messages, or in emails.

Talk with you about your case...your rights, the people who are important to you, and more.

Speak clearly...in a way you can understand.

Explain what a GAL is.



Ask what you want.

Carefully think about what you want when they decide what is best for you.



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You can expect your GAL to,,,

Attend hearings in your case.

Argue for your rights and/or what they decide is best for you.



OTHER

You can also expect your GAL to **investigate** what is best for you, **ask you** what you want, **carefully think about what you want** when they decide what is best for you, and **be a resource** for you.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

Your comments and questions about your GAL are **very important!** If you have questions about your GAL or want to give feedback about your GAL, please call Cara Nord at 720-351-4350 or email caranord@coloradochildrep.org!

