

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR GAL IN A JD CASE

GAL stands for Guardian ad litem. They are attorneys who argue for what they decide is best for you.

TALK WITH YOU

Your GAL will speak clearly in a way you can understand.

Your GAL will also talk with you to learn about what is best for you.



VISIT YOU

Your attorney GAL will meet you in-person as soon as possible after becoming your GAL in a place where you can have a good conversation.

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, texting, or emailing).

They'll stay in contact with you, even in places other than court.



BE A RESOURCE

Your GAL will be a resource to you!

They'll explain what a GAL is, how a GAL is different than a defense attorney, and the limits of their ability to keep what you say confidential.



BE IN COURT FOR YOU

Your GAL will attend every court hearing, and argue for your rights and what they decide is best for you.

You can expect your GAL to investigate what is best for you.