



You can make a difference in the life of a child who has been placed in protective care due to abuse and neglect. In Volusia County, close to 200 children have no child advocate representation in court.

The Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program is a partnership of volunteers and professional staff providing a powerful voice on the behalf of Florida & Volusia County's abused and neglected children.

We need volunteers because these children need to be seen and heard. The GAL becomes knowledgeable about the child's case, and makes recommendations to the court so that the child's interests are represented and so has a better chance for a safe, caring, stable and permanent home environment.

Guardians are fully supported with detailed training, guidance and supervision by program staff and paired mentoring with a seasoned volunteer.

Children who are served by GAL volunteers do better in school, get more help while they are in the dependency system, and return to foster care at a rate half that of other children.



"The bond formed between a volunteer and the child is often the most positive bond that the child has."

-- Volusia County GAL Volunteer

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