

Who We Are

Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County (CFACC) approaches child advocacy in a unique way. Guardians ad Litem (GAL) and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are assigned as partners to advocate for the best interests of the child in a family, whether one child or a sibling group. This dual representation model enhances the quality of advocacy provided for the children in Juvenile Court. Both the GAL and CASA bring different skills and perspectives; however, both have a common goal - providing the highest quality advocacy for the best interests of all children.



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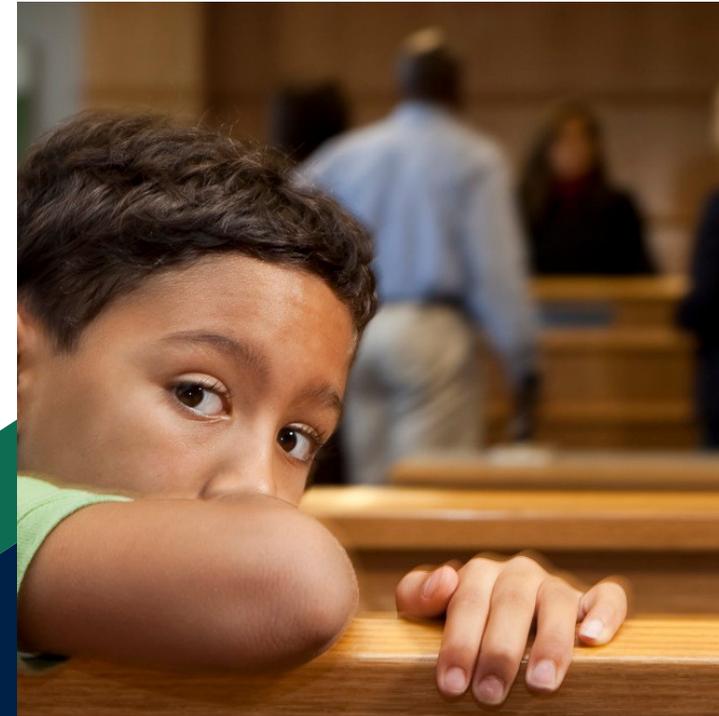
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Guardian ad Litem Program

Becoming the Voice for a Child
in Cuyahoga County



Have a meaningful
impact on children and
families in our
community.



About Guardian ad Litem

GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Accepting a court appointment as a Guardian ad Litem provides attorneys with a rewarding opportunity to practice law while advocating for the best interests of the children in our community, building their law practice and networking with other attorneys, judges and magistrates. Attorneys can serve in a pro bono capacity, receive a small stipend per case paid by the County and State, or, in some cases, the parties are required to pay the GAL's fees at a reasonable and customary hourly rate.



WHY BECOME A GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Performing as a GAL provides the opportunity to serve an immediate community need, while gaining an understanding of the child welfare, juvenile justice, family law, and foster care systems. Continuing legal education is provided on an array of applicable topics, and GAL work opens the door to other areas of practice.

Guardians ad Litem are a growing network of well trained attorneys in Cuyahoga County, helping judges make important decisions concerning the lives of children by providing fact-based information and making best interest recommendations to the court.

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We make an immeasurable difference in the lives of children.

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CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Continuing legal education is provided on an array of diverse topics and emerging areas of law with relevant and current, applicable content.

Visit our website, cfadvocates.org for a complete list of trainings.

