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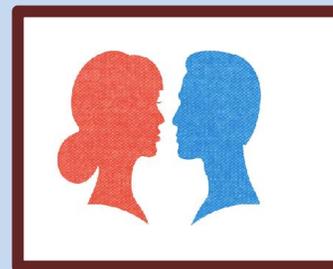
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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
16TH ANNUAL
GUARDIAN AD LITEM RECOGNITION DINNER
(SPONSORED BY SPEAK UP! FOR KIDS)

**JOIN US AS WE RECOGNIZE THE WONDERFUL STAFF AND
VOLUNTEERS OF THE 15TH CIRCUIT**

As we celebrate **FLORIDA'S GUARDIAN AD LITEM'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE VOICES AND FACES THAT
ADVOCATE FOR OVER 1800 CHILDREN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY.**



THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.

DINNER TO BE HELD AT THE POLICE BENEVELONT ASSOC. BANQUET HALL
2100 N. FLORIDA MANGO RD., WEST PALM BEACH – north of Belvedere Rd and west of 95
Parking is available in the surrounding business parking areas.

DINNER will be a **BARBEQUE BUFFET** with Vegetarian alternative available.

RSVP BY APRIL 24TH
TO ELLEN KRANZLER AT bibliophile6452@comcast.net.
Attendance by reservation only.

LATEST FROM
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
LIZ LIEBER



Hello, GAL Volunteers and Supporters!

As we roll into springtime, with its images of growth, rebirth and new beginnings, it is our wish that you have a renewed commitment to advocating for the children of Palm Beach County. We at the GAL Program also have renewed our commitment to bringing you fresh and innovative learning opportunities which will increase your knowledge on important topics in child welfare.

Many of you have had a chance to sit with your CAM this past year to participate in your annual recertification. Upon reviewing these, one of the consistent threads is the shortfall for many of you in the area of in-service hours.

Therefore, in an effort to offer you additional ways to obtain your twelve hours (necessary beginning in year two as a GAL volunteer), I'd like to direct your attention to several videos currently being used in new GAL training as part of the Independent Study. Many of these videos and readings are extremely informative and will likely prove to be an appropriate refresher for many of you.

These videos can be viewed independently and you can print a certificate after taking a short quiz at the end. Send your certificate to c15.training@gal.fl.gov and we'll be sure to enter the appropriate number of hours for you to receive credit for your time spent learning:

here are a few videos worth getting started with:

- **Effective Advocacy** (<http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/effective/effective-nv.html>; Barbara Flory, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.
- **The True Impact of Domestic Violence on Children;**
(<http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/dvimpact/p3/p3.html>; Lisa Rivera, M.S.W.
- **Understanding Substance Abuse and the Impact on Children;**
(<http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/qpi/subabuse/subabuse-nv.html>; Judith Warren M.P.A.

As the University of South Florida site has an abundance of these training videos, which also lend themselves to group viewing and discussion, we'll be scheduling many of these titles, in this video format, for in-services in the coming months. In addition, please visit our website regularly to view scheduled trainings and other events/offerings as well (www.galpbcc.org)

Again, thank you for your efforts to stay abreast of the topics and research in child welfare!

Please, do stop in and say Hi next time you are in West Palm Beach!

Liz Lieber

"Learning is the eye of the mind." French Proverb



Supervising Attorney
KATHLEEN CLENDINING.



SUMMER TIME IS ALMOST HERE!

Summer is right around the corner. The time to prepare ourselves and our children is NOW. Summer camps and programs get filled up early. Getting payment for these programs can require funding approval from different agencies. Sometimes it requires out of the box thinking and creativity. Let's make sure we do everything we can to make sure our children can have a fun, safe and enriching opportunity for this summer. Now is also the time to start looking into summer school programs for some of our children that require that extra help with their academic progress. Check out <http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/parks/summercamps/> for a list of General Camps and Specialty Camps offered through the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation. There are forms for lotteries and scholarships, as well as descriptions of each of the programs offered. The dates and hours are also listed for each program. The City of West Palm through the County Human Services has a list of camps and scholarship opportunities at <http://wpb.org/cityfun/camps> . For one of the best and most comprehensive lists go to <https://pbparetning.com/directories//summer-camp>. There are camps for every interest possible; music, animals, arts & crafts, and every sport you can think off. Palm Beach State College also has summer camps available and information can be found at <http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/syc/>.

Palm Beach County's Summer Camp Scholarship program is available to help kids go to camp. The program was established in 1995. Since then it has awarded more than 27,000 scholarships. The program allows children who may have otherwise been left out and wind up being unsupervised and on their own for the entire summer. The scholarships insure that these children can have a safe, stimulating place to spend the summer days. The program receives more than \$1 million from Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County and \$434,000 from the PALM BEACH County Board of County Commissioners, as well as other community partners. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, a child must come from a household that falls within 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or about \$36,000 annually for a family of four (4). These are our children! Priority is given to children who are homeless, in foster care or have full-time working parents. As Guardian volunteers and CAMS we need to help identify these children who would benefit from a summer school. Once a child is determined eligible, a camp from a list of providers must be picked. Last summer, about 60 camps were on the list, including four programs in low-income areas in the county that provide an academic curriculum that helps prevent summer learning loss. With these summer scholarships programs available to children there is no need for our kids to be bored this summer. Let's keep children occupied and give caregivers and parents a much needed break this summer. Enrollment started February 25, 2015 – You better get going and register your kids.

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15th CIRCUIT RECRUITING TEAM

YOU can be the next FACE OF GAL !

This year, in coordination with the [Statewide Guardian ad Litem program's 35th Anniversary](#), we are featuring a local Volunteer GAL each Friday on our FaceBook page and GALPBC.org website. This social media campaign is designed to promote awareness that any caring individual can become an advocate for abused, abandoned or neglected children. We want to highlight the variety of people, interests, ages, and lifestyles of our many wonderful Guardians. If you are interested in helping to spread the word, just fill out this form and send it, along with a picture to Kelly.Kerr@gal.fl.gov and we will notify you the week that you will be featured. Please be sure to "like" and "share" with your Facebook friends to help us create awareness for the Guardian ad Litem program!

I, _____, agree to allow the Guardian ad Litem program to post my picture and information provided below on their Social Media sites (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter and/or GALPBC.org)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

I have been a GAL for _____ years/ months

My favorite part about being a GAL is:

My favorite hobby is: _____

Something about me that surprises others: _____

The person (living or dead) I would most like to meet: _____

Quote that I try to live by: _____

Who is Speak Up for Kids?



A Public/Private Partnership

As a public-to-private partnership, Speak Up for Kids provides vital support to the Guardian ad Litem Program and its Volunteer Child Advocates, enabling them to represent more children.

Our Role in the GAL Program

Speak Up for Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc. ("Speak Up") is a registered Florida 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2008 to secure additional financial support to help fund programs and direct services for the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program of the 15th Judicial District.

As a State funded program, the GAL Program is not permitted to solicit alternative funding sources. As such, the GAL Program depends upon financial support from Speak Up to fund programs and critical initiatives not funded due to budget constraints. All monies raised by Speak Up are restricted to provide support for the 15th Judicial Circuit (Palm Beach County) GAL Program. Our goal is to help the GAL Program reach 100% representation so that every abused, abandoned, & neglected child has a Volunteer Child Advocate, ensuring they receive the services and care needed to thrive, to be safe, and to move towards a permanent life situation.

What does Speak Up fund?

A large portion of our funding goes to support the GAL infrastructure by supplementing staffing, training, and general expenses.

A discretionary "normalcy fund" has been established as well. We focus on enrichment opportunities for our kids such as sports and the arts but also provide emergency supplies and sometimes even a bed so a child has a place to sleep. This fund was established to "Let our Kids be Kids". Discretionary spending requests are managed by the GAL Program through your CAM (Child Advocacy Manager). We work with our partner agencies to determine who is going to fund what, and that is largely based on the placement type of the child, e.g., foster home, relative caregiver, non-relative caregiver, parent, etc.

To apply for those funds, complete a Discretionary Funds Request Form which can be found on the GAL website (<http://www.galpbc.org/forms-for-gals.html>) and turn it into your CAM along with any background info on the item. For example, if you're trying to get funding for a child to attend a basketball camp, find the camps available, get pricing, ask for a free or discounted option (talk generically so you can protect your child's privacy), then supply the info to your CAM.

In-Kind Donations

Community donations are also accepted to help our kids through Speak Up. For example, we recently were able to find someone in the community willing to donate furniture for a youth aging out. Because the GAL Program cannot accept the actual donations, those items must be processed through Speak Up. Contact us at Info@SpeakUpForKidsPBC.org if you have an opportunity such as this.

Getting Involved/Giving/Corporate Partnerships

Opportunities for involvement with Speak Up are available. Joining Speak Up allows you to help multiple children with your efforts.

Please think of us for your charitable and planned giving. We have many options available on our website at www.SpeakUpForKidsPBC.org and are happy to provide information through your community and corporate connections.

You're a GAL so we know you're passionate about helping children!

Many people want to help but can't make the GAL commitment. Getting involved with Speak Up for Kids is a way for your friends, family, & business associates to make a difference right here in our local community. Please share our info with them. Brochures are available at the office or by contacting SUFK. We will soon have a "corporate kit" to help facilitate businesses hosting give back days such as a "Jeans for a Cause" or a Bake Sale day. We also have naming opportunities via sponsorships for our events.

IN-SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AND CEUS AVAILABLE TO YOU:

15th Circuit Book Club – Tuesday, April 28, 2015 – 7-pm – 8pm.

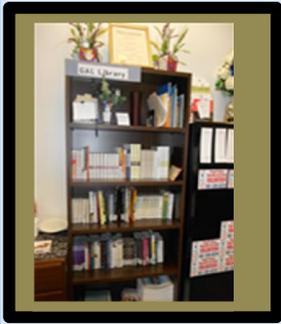
Selection – “I Speak for This Child” by Gay Courter – Lantana Branch Library (corner of Lantana Rd and Lawrence Ave- 4020 Lantana Rd).

RSVP to ellen.kranzler@gal.fl.gov or bibliophile6452@comcast.net.

EARN ADDITIONAL IN-SERVICE CREDITS BY READING!

For each book read and accreditation request form submitted you will receive **2** – IS credits. (Accreditation form on the following page.) If we run a discussion group on a book and you attend that discussion you will receive **1** more credit, for a total of **3** credits per book.

Some of the books planned for the coming year:



Charmed Souls – Irina Cole

An Unimaginable Act – Erin Merryn

Beautiful Child – Torey Hayden

Black & Blue – Anne Quindlen

Breaking Night – Liz Murray

Color Purple – Alice Walker

A Child Called It – Dave Pelzer

(the) Glass Castle – Jeannette Walls

(the) Lost Boy – Dave Pelzer

Lucky – Alice Seybold

Three Little Words – Ashley Rhodes-

Courter

(Check our lending library in both Delray and West Palm offices for copies of the above books).

INDEPENDENT STUDY – If you are interested in completing the online *Independent Study*, please visit www.myfloridagal.org to view the webinars and complete the quizzes. Email your certificates of completion to c15.training@gal.fl.gov. You will receive 8 CEUs for all the IS work done.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE WEBINAR TRAINING – 4 CEUs – If you are interested in taking on a case that involves sexual abuse, you must first view the required webinar training. Complete the quiz that comes with the webinar and submit the certificate to your CAM. The web address –

<http://centrvideo.forest.usf.edu/sexualabuse/index.htm>

TRiO –TriO INFORMATION SESSION.- Saturday, April 25, 2015 – 9:30-1 PM.

Mandel Public Library – 411 Clematis street, West Palm Beach.

If your GAL child is in middle or high school, and is considering the pursuit of a college degree, come and learn about the federally funded TRiO Program and what they have to offer. You will gain knowledge on the college application process, entrance exams, financial aid, etc. we encourage you to bring your GAL children as well as their parents and/or caregivers. Space is limited, please register.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM VOLUNTEER

ISC – IN-SERVICE CREDITS / CEU – CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

ACCREDITATION FORM:

Name _____ email _____

Date _____ CAM _____ Number of hour(s) involved//# of CEU(s) awarded _____

I have read, viewed, and/or attended the following material and/or conference and would like to submit it for accreditation towards my yearly In-Service/ CEU requirements.

[Required - 12 in-service credits per year.]

book video lecture conference movie other _____

Title _____

Author/Source: _____

1) Description of in-service presentation; material; book; and/or program viewed.

2) Describe the impact that the material had for you as a GAL.

DID YOU KNOW ???

CHILD SAFETY CAR SEATS ARE AVAILABLE.



There are new car seats available through 2 sources in Palm Beach County. 1 – Safety Council of Palm Beach – donation of \$25.00 to the Safety Council of Palm Beach County. They are only available on Fridays – they help do the actual placing of the car seat in the car. - Call for an appointment at 561-845-8233 - Web site – <http://www.safetycouncilpbc.org>-4152 West Blue Heron Blvd, Ste 110, Riviera Beach, 33404.

2 – Safe Kids Palm Beach County is under the umbrella of Community Partnerships and they also have car seats available for a donation of \$25.00. Contact Kelly Powell or Fatou Benoit at (561)841-3500-ext-4012- www.cp-cto.org-2001 Blue Heron Blvd. Riviera Beach, 33404

DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

DCF has signed a contract with Community Based Care of Central Florida. To learn more and to apply for the Program visit the website www.keystoindependence.org. All the information that you will need to help your GAL 15 or older teen get a driver's license is on this web site.

EVERY KID IN A PARK INITIATIVE

Starting in time for the 2015-2016 school year and occurring each year afterward, all 4th graders and their families are invited to visit our country's outdoor treasures and historic sites anytime and free of charge. This pass will give children free access to National Parks, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges and a score of other Federal public lands and waters locations that charge an entrance fee.

NOTICE:

VOLUNTEERS! – Become a Transporter!

Don't forget about approval for the privilege of transporting your GAL Kids. Remember, you can help your kids experience "normal" childhood activities and events by having transportation approval. The approval letter helps to enable you to promote normalcy for your kids in care.

Time alone with your child, just the two of you going for a ride, going for an ice cream, a walk in the mall, anyplace away from the home they are living in is something very special and a wonderful time to help bond with your child.

TO BECOME A GAL TRANSPORTER FILL OUT THE FORMS ON THE NEXT 2 PAGES -
SUBMIT THEM TO ELLEN KRANZLER – bibliophile6452@comcast.net –include a copy of your license and a copy of your insurance card.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM
15TH CIRCUIT-WEST PALM BEACH
VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

Certified GAL Volunteers who wish to transport dependent children to whom, they have been assigned by the court must complete the fields below:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

In order for your request to be processed, you must provide your Driver's License and Insurance Card to be photocopied.

Vehicle Information:

Auto Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Insurance Carrier _____

Justification: Volunteers are approved to transport their children to activities and events that will help promote a normal life style and will help to develop further trust and a closer relationship with their GAL.

I consent to the Guardian ad Litem reviewing my history and work as a GAL for the purpose of determining that I am eligible to become a transporter.

Volunteers Signature _____ Date _____

GAL VOLUNTEER RULES OF TRANSPORT

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES OF CHILD TRANSPORT:

[INITIAL] _____

[] I agree to transport only those children who are 6 years of age or older for whom I am the Assigned GAL Volunteer, unless I receive specific permission from the Circuit Director to transport a child under the age of 6 on a child-by-child basis (with an approved child car seat). All children 11 years and younger may only occupy a seat in the rear of the car.

[] I agree to abide by all the traffic laws and drive in a safe manner when transporting any GAL child. This includes the use of a car seat if required by law.

[] I agree to maintain my vehicle in a safe and reliable condition.

[] I agree to maintain auto insurance at all times. Further, I agree that my insurance will conform to the minimum insurance requirements published by the State Of Florida at all times.

[] I will not take any actions while transporting a GAL Child that would jeopardize safety or in any way place the child at risk.

[] I will not use a cell phone, blackberry, or text while driving with a GAL Child in my vehicle.

[] I understand and agree to notify the program immediately of any changes in my driving record as a result of a traffic infraction, including but not limited to moving violations; DUI; accidents; license suspension and/or revocation.

[] I agree to report to the program immediately any unusual incidents, problems, or occurrences that may occur during the transportation of my child.

[] I agree to abide by the GAL standards of operation governing my conduct as a volunteer.

[] I understand the importance of working with the child's custodian/caretaker in determining convenient and appropriate times to transport the child and agree to be respectful of the caretaker/custodian's wishes in this regard.

Guardian ad Litem Volunteer

Date

() APPROVED –CIRCUIT DIRECTOR/PROGRAM DIRECTOR Date

() Denied



APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

In just one year, 129 children in Florida died from abuse and neglect.

A CALL TO ALL GALS:

You're doing your part and we, and your children sincerely thank you. But there are still children without advocates. Please help us recruit more GALs. Send us the first and last name, phone number and/or address of friends and relatives who may be able to volunteer for The Guardian ad Litem Program. We will reach out to them. Each new GAL volunteer gives, a FACE and a VOICE, to a child in need. In addition, if you live in a gated community please send us the names of the individuals in charge of the different social committees in your community. We will then contact them and try to set up speaking arrangements. Thank you for all you do today and every day. Please help us today!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CAM II'S

Hello and Happy Spring to our dedicated volunteers! A lot of good things are happening in the 15th, especially in terms of new staff to support you in your advocacy, and our new pre-certification training program which utilizes seasoned GALs to serve as mentors to new trainees as they work their first case. Perhaps you have met or are already working with one of the several new "CAM"s (Child Advocacy Manager-our new working title) hired in recent months. They have proven very capable and resilient as we weather the many new GALP statewide initiative and internal staff/management transitions. Speaking of which, Shari and I are both now on the management team as CAM II's, meaning we supervise staff as well as volunteers, while assisting management with various assignments as needed. I, myself have worked on customizing our mentoring protocol to the needs of our individual circuit; developing a more streamlined recertification procedure and form; and clarifying the appropriate protocol to confirm case staffing in advance and thereby preventing unnecessary trips to Childnet. Shari has been very instrumental in developing, scheduling, and preparing curriculum for our new classroom training model. Shari and I both have participated in interviewing and hiring professional CAM Staff. We are fortunate to have found so many skilled candidates, and while some may stay for a short time, others longer (life is change, after all) we look forward to working together, broadening our advocacy for abused and neglected children, and expanding our knowledge of how to better serve them and you, our volunteers, the backbone of the GAL Program!

KAYLEEN CAVANAUGH AND SHARI CALDERWOOD

NEWS, NOTES AND QUOTES FROM THE 15TH CIRCUIT GALs!

NEWS RELEASE:

It was a sad day at the end March when Johnathan Threewittts 17, drowned in an attempt to rescue a friend from the rip tide. Johnathan and his sister Anna were children in our dependency system that were placed at the Hibiscus Children's Center in Vero Beach. Johnathan and his sister had two GALs, Bill Seibel from the 19th circuit and Cherie Dye from the 15th circuit. Johnathan was a very well-liked and respected young man, and everyone who worked with him, from Magistrate Fanelli to the GALs that advocated for him felt that there was something very special about him. Cherie Dye, GAL from Palm Beach, said, "I had the humble privilege and the greatest honor to have had this child in my life. In my role as a GAL, I am expected to help make a difference in the life of a child, but Johnathan had made a difference in mine. I am a better person for having known him. Bill Seibel, advocate from the 19th circuit, in thanking everyone for their kind words, said "that events such as this reinforce the importance of the work that we do. I believe that the GAL Program is the beating heart of the State of Florida's support system for its most at-risk kids. I consider it a privilege to be a GAL volunteer".

FROM THE NOTES OF GAL - DEBBIE PETERS:

Former teacher from L.I., N.Y –retired to Florida – but with all the wonderful things Florida had to offer, she found she was missing something... travel – hot tub – exercise –clubs – card games – with all these things ...something was missing..... She found what had been missing: purposefulness, meaning, the need to make a difference in someone's life. It's why she became a teacher; it's why she loved the profession; it felt good to make a difference, especially in a child's life. To help recruit new GALs, Debbie says,– "Explain that they can make a difference. It may be 3 hours a week of their time, but they will feel complete and so satisfied. In becoming a court appointed special advocate they will be making a difference in the life of a child who desperately needs them, a child who may have no one else who consistently cares about them or is able to speak for their best interest. They may become the person who saves one of the approximately 700 children in Palm Beach County who are still in need of a Guardian ad Litem to be their voice and face in the courts. You can help them have a chance at a happy, safe, fulfilling life. It begins with a phone call. Call – 561- 355-6224.

Jim Bradley illustrates the power a Guardian ad Litem can have in the life of a child:

Jim meet Darin at the age of 17, he had already been in the system since he was 2; both parents were drug addicted; he was in and out of relative care-givers; grandma passing away while living with her; put up for adoption; going from group home to group home; etc.- BUT – he knew he wanted to be better than the situation he was in; didn't want to end up like his father; he wanted to go to college. Applied to FAU-.but wasn't sure he would be accepted, current grades were good-but previous grades not as good. Jim decided to go to the college admission and speak to someone in Darin's behalf. The school had already sent a rejection letter, but, after explaining Darin's history and speaking up for him, admissions decided to let him file an appeal. Darin, with Jim's help, wrote his own letter and then went back to some of his previous teachers, and Magistrate Fanelli, who had the c/m write a letter as well. After Jim delivered all the letters to FAU Admissions, they waited for weeks to hear the school's decision. One morning Jim answered the phone to hear – I GOT IN, I GOT IN!

Jim Bradley – continued –

Thank you so much for helping me I couldn't have done this without you. There were many factors that added to Darin's acceptance by the school, BUT – the fact that the Guardian ad Litem Program puts average individual such as myself, in the position to be able to make outsized differences in the lives of children, is the reason that I am a Guardian ad Litem

THERAPEUTIC COURT MODEL HAS BEGINNING SUCCESS:

The Therapeutic Court Team, under the direction of Magistrate Fanelli, is experiencing success with one of the very first cases accepted into their newly formed Model Court. T.T. has been in the dependency system from a young age and prior to being part of the Therapeutic Court Team he had a history of being removed from one situation to another, from one group home to another and being Baker acted in-between. T.T. was one of the very first cases they accepted and knew they would have to find a special facility with the correct type of program for him. After the team and the GAL did research into many alternatives, the Devereux Behavioral Foundation was chosen to be the place for T.T. Devereux also has a very strong team approach, with these 2 teams working together; this child was able to make tremendous strides in his behavior, self-control and his belief in him-self. After only 11 months in the Devereux system, T.T. is ready to be stepped down and returned to Palm Beach. This young man is going home to be adopted by someone he has always known as "grandma" and to join 4 of his siblings who have already been adopted into this home. The Therapeutic Court is now there to back him up and to make sure he has all the services he will ever need. If you have a child with special needs, don't let them fall through the cracks, request an evaluation by the Therapeutic Court Team.

MY GAL EXPERIENCE BY LISA MILLER:

I met with my CAM this week and wanted to comment on how fulfilling my work has been with the GAL Program. I have truly enjoyed meeting and interacting with the families over the past 2 years. How time is truly flying by, doesn't feel like it has been that long!!! I try to make a difference with each family, one at a time. My CAM has been very supportive and always available with a steady purpose. We work well together and I am looking forward to a new case soon. I would like to say thanks for all the hard work and dedication the GAL staff put forth.

CAM'S GOODBYE:

I am sad to announce that as of Thursday, April 2nd, I will no longer be serving as a Child Advocate Manager for the Guardian Ad Litem Program. It was a hard decision to make to leave this program. However, I am very excited about what is to come. I will still be advocating on behalf of the children of Palm Beach County, but I will be working with young adult girls age 18-21. They have just aged out of foster care, and have chosen to remain within the system. It has been a pleasure working with such a dedicated, hard-working set of volunteers. The amount of things you have all accomplished on behalf of our GAL kids is one of the many reasons why we need volunteers like yourselves. Please continue with all your dedicated work.

Thank you for all the wonderful years of working together for our kids.

JODIE MITCHELL

GUARDIAN AD LITEM OFFICE-4TH FLOOR-4.1100-JUVENILE BUILDING -WEST PALM BEACH

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS - ALL PALM BEACH TELEPHONES START 355-....

Allyson Gaiser	355-6225	Lisa Larmond	-6083
Andrew Thomas	-1163	Liz Lieber	-1166
Barbara Boslow	-1826	Marcy Vital	-1113
Beth Zigler	-4281	Marissa Dass	-4173
Brad Austwick(Belle Glade)	966-4894	Mary Griffith-Dean	-6832
Brittany Shepard	-1943	Nicole Dozier	-2310
Carol Stoothoff	-6161	Olga Rodriguez	-7475
Denise Davis (Delray)	330-1757	Patty Cepeda-Russell	-1776
Dionne Sybblis	-3762	Pamela Brooks	-2772
Elinor (Lee) Turco	-1167	Peter Braun	-3799
Ellen Kranzler	-4511	Renee Rattray	-1887
Fay Reynolds	-1849	Sarah Bourdette	-6845
Janice Allwood (Paralegal)	-6832	Shari Calderwood	-6221
Jim Graf (Delray)	330-1752	Stacey J. Carter-Ogman	-6223
Joe Marzilli (Delray)	330-1738	Ta'Chea Ferguson	-4405
Kathleen Clendining	-1124	Tonya McCormick (Belle Glade)	996-4858
Kayleen Cavanaugh	-1165		
Keith Hammond	-2700		
Kelly Kerr	-6220		
Kelwyn Williams (Delray)	330-1753	West Palm Fax	355-2717
Ken Gotlib	-3243	Belle Glade Fax	996-4854
Kevin Walsh (Delray)	330-1758	South County Fax	330-1777
Khrissy Lastierre	-3726	Help Desk - IT	355-4357
La Shondra Adams	330-1754		
Lauren Castle	-1549		
Lauren Clifton	-6628		

[All e-mails are addressed -
firstname.lastname@gal.fl.gov](mailto:firstname.lastname@gal.fl.gov)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF:

The volunteers and staff of the
15th Circuit would like to give a
great big
HELLO TO ALL OF OUR
NEW MEMBERS:

CAM – Keith Hammond
CAM – Olga Rodriguez
CAM – LaShondra Adams
Staff Advocate –
Mary Griffith-Dean
Staff Advocate
Pamela Brooks

We are glad to have you with us.

THE ADVOCATE

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PROGRAM Director – Liz Lieber
Supervising Attorney –
Kathleen Clendining

TOGETHER WE
CAN CONQUER
THE WORLD!



WITH A GREAT DEAL OF REGRET
WE SAY GOODBYE TO SOME OF OUR STAFF:

CAM - Jodie Mitchell
CAM - Nick Bravaro
TRAINING- Clarice Redding

WITH MUCH SORROW WE
SAY GOOD-BYE TO OUR
15th CIRCUIT DIRECTOR –
KRISTEN SOLOMON

BUT WITH GREAT EA-
GERNESS WE WELCOME
OUR BRAND NEW SOUTH-
ERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR
KRISTEN SOLOMON

Kristen Congratulations
on your new position
and we wish you all the
very best.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR ALL OUR
GALS:

*To the world you are one
person,
But to one person you
are the world.*

Dr. Suess