

The Value of Guardian ad Litem Volunteers

For Children:

- * Do much better in school
- * 50 % less likely to return to foster care
- * Have fewer placements
- * Receive more needed services
- * Are more likely to be adopted
- * Spend less time in foster care

For Florida:

- * 32 Months-average volunteer service period
- * \$3,397 - cost to support a GAL volunteer
- * \$7,474 - average value of donated time & gas by GAL volunteer
- * \$4,076 - return on investment per GAL volunteer

“GAL Volunteer contributions are PRICELESS!”



I am for the child

Florida's Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Volunteers are appointed by the court to advocate for children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. GALs develop a consistent relationship with the child, serve as educational advocates, help the child to experience and participate in normalcy activities, and *most important*, they make independent recommendations to the court to ensure a safe, caring, stable, and permanent environment for the child. Today, the GAL Program supports more than 10,000 volunteers serving more than 23,700 children.

GAL Volunteers save the State of Florida **\$40 million** in salaries and benefits.



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Guardian ad Litem

**A POWERFUL VOICE FOR
FLORIDA'S CHILDREN**

**FLORIDA GUARDIAN AD LITEM
PROGRAM**

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