

Agenda

Training

Date of Training: June 24, 2015
Place: Davidson County Juv. Ct.
Courtroom D

Training called by: JJ Group

Presenter:

Rev. Kadia Edwards, M.Div

Facilitator:

Stacy Miller, Asst. Dist. Attorney

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Time: 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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Attendees: Attorneys who represent juveniles, court staff, and judge's staff

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The Power of a Good GAL...from the Youth's Perspective

Part I:

Framing our discussion:

- a. What does TN law say about the appointment of Guardian ad Litems?
- b. TCA 37-1-149
- c. Supreme Court Rule 40
- d. Supreme Court Rule 40A
- e. In Tennessee : GAL vs. CASA

Part II:

From the Youth's Perspective

- a. Reverend Edwards' Story
- b. The role of a "good" GAL (Training Video)
- c. What can you do to provide support and assistance for the youth
- d. How to best "hear" what the youth are saying and what they need from you and the system
- e. What really helps .. How to fulfill the legal role of the Gal and meet the needs of the youth.

Part III:

Being more than a GAL

- a. How can you help the system build your client up?
- b. How should you approach it when your vision of Best Interests conflicts with their vision?
- c. What are the long-term effects of being in the system on youth and how can you make that better?
- d. How can you help them achieve a better outcome?
- e. What can you do to help youth transitioning into adulthood?

Part IV:

Conclusion an Questions