

Your Rights

With your **GAL**,
you have the right to:

- Be heard
- Understand what's happening in your case
- Help make decisions about your life
- Ask questions
- Be treated with respect

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My GAL made me feel like I was more than just a number.

I was a person who mattered.

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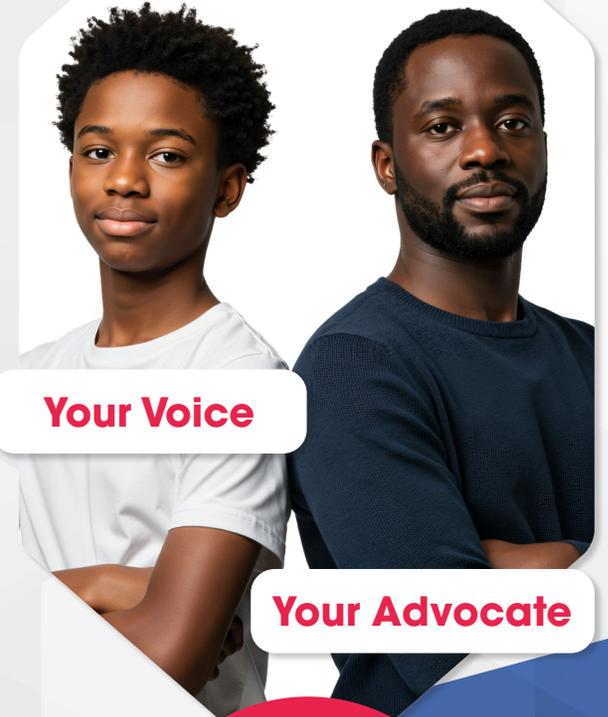
Your GAL
is here for you.



If you need to reach your GAL,
their contact information is above.



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What a
GUARDIAN AD LITEM
(GAL) Attorney Does for You





Who is a **Guardian ad Litem (GAL)**?



What Does a **GAL** Attorney Do?

Listens to You—Your GAL will listen to you about how you feel and what you want.

Helps Keep You Safe—They check on where you live to make sure it's a good place for you.

Talks to People in Your Life—Your GAL speaks with your family, teachers, caseworkers, and doctors to learn more about your situation.

Goes to Court for You—Your GAL tells the judge what is best for you and helps explain what you want.

Answers Your Questions—They help you understand what's happening in your case.

What Can You Talk to Your **GAL** About?

You can talk to your GAL about:

- How you feel about where you live.
- If you want to see your family or siblings.
- How things are going at school.
- If you feel safe and happy.
- If you need help with things like a driver's license, job, or therapy.
- Any worries or questions.

Do I Have to Go to **Court**?

Not always!

Sometimes, your GAL can speak for you. If you want to go, your GAL will help you understand what will happen and be there to support you.

