

20TH Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program
At a Glance Calendar

FEBRUARY 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 New Volunteer Training - Lee
5	6 Advisory Council	7	8	9 GAL Day – Statewide In Service: Sexual Abuse - Lee	10 In Service: Drug Education - Charlotte	11 New Volunteer Training – Lee
12	13	14	15 New Volunteer Orientation – Charlotte	16 In Service: Youth Haven – Collier	17	18 New Volunteer Training - Lee
19	20	21 In Service: Educational Surrogacy – Lee	22 New Volunteer Orientation – Charlotte In Service: Refresher - Hendry	23	24 In Service: 4 Generations - Collier	25
26	27	28	29 In Service: Permanency – Circuitwide			

Statewide

Thursday, February 9—Guardian ad Litem Day. Join volunteers and stakeholders around the state in Tallahassee for a day dedicated to educating the state legislature about the Guardian ad Litem program. For more information, e-mail holly.rodriugez@gal.fl.gov

Circuitwide

For more information on any events on the calendar, please call your local Guardian ad Litem office.
Charlotte County: 941-627-0643 Collier County: 239-252-8432
Lee County: 239-533-5437 Hendry County: 863-674-4190

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Monday, February 13, 10:30am—Director's Advisory Council. Meets at Lee County GAL Office, Ft. Myers.

Wednesday, February 29, 12:00 – 1:00 pm – In Service: What can you do to expedite permanency for your guardian kids?

Join Hillary Kambour our Director of Legal Training for a lunch time training on February 29th at noon. Hillary will discuss steps you can take throughout dependency proceedings to ensure that your kids achieve permanency as quickly as possible.

Stay tuned for information from your local GAL office.

Charlotte County

Friday, February 10, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – In Service: Drug Education

Location: Punta Gorda Police Department 1410 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda

Presenter: Corporal Tony Pribble

Punta Gorda Police Department has offered to do an in-service training on drugs. Corporal Pribble is the School Resource Officer at Punta Gorda Middle School and he will be presenting. He may be able to shed some light on what our teens are facing regarding drugs. When arriving at the police station you will have to check in and be escorted to the training room.

If anyone is interested in going out to lunch after the training I would be happy to help coordinate!

RSVP: 627-0643 or email linda.rowan@gal.fl.gov

Wednesday, February 15, 4:00 – 5:00 – New Volunteer Orientation.

Location: GAL office building – Family Services Center – 1st floor conference room.

Wednesday, February 22, 12:00 – 1:00 – New Volunteer Orientation.

Location: GAL office building – Family Services Center – 1st floor conference room.

Collier County

Thursday, February 16, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm – Lecture and Tour the Youth Haven shelter.

Location: Youth Haven: 5867 Whitaker Road, Naples, FL 34112

RSVP: collier.county@gal.fl.gov *Limited space available*

Friday, February 24, 9:30 – 11:30 am – Our 4Generations: Ready or Not; Here We Are!

Note: Program begins promptly at 9:30, so please schedule to arrive by 9:00 for networking and registration, no cost but rsvp's are required

A Community Seminar Sponsored by The Education Foundation of Collier County

Every family and our entire community face balancing the needs of every generation, from children through our super-elders. The enormous changes in demography require attention, creative action, and effective advocacy so resources can be leveraged for the benefit of all. Florida's age demography of 2011 will be the nation's demography of 2040. Ours is a state of four full generations, and how we address the needs of children, parents, grandparents and super-elders is among the most critical economic and public policy challenges for the next decade. The needs for health care, education, family services, employment, public safety and environmental protection is best addressed through the lens of our four major age groups. This seminar will present compelling data on the growth of our population, with special emphasis the options available for leveraging the assets of each age group for the betterment of all.

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Location: Naples Daily News – Main Floor – Community Room – 1100 Immokalee Road, Naples, FL

Presenter: Guest Speaker and facilitator – Jack Levine, Founder, 4Generations Institute

RSVP: by Wednesday, February 1st to jack@4Gen.org with name, e-mail address and phone contact

Hendry County

Wednesday, February 22, 10 am – In Service: Refresher

More information to follow.

Location: Hendry County courthouse

RSVP: angela.boykin@gal.fl.gov

Lee County

Saturday, February 4, 11, and 18;—New Volunteer Training.

All sessions 8:30am-5:30pm. **Location:** Lee County GAL office.

Thursday, February 9, 5-7pm – In Service: Advocating for the Sexually Abused Child

Location: Children's Advocacy Center---Conference Room - 3830 Evans, Fort Myers 33901

Speaker: Sally Beckett, Director of Child Protection Team

Good decision-making for sexually abused children makes this in-service required for all volunteers.

If you have not attended in the past, make sure you attend this after hours presentation. Important,

updated information of what's happening NOW locally, will be included. See www.cac-swfl.org. Parking is free.

Make sure you park on the main entrance side. The other side is for staff.

RSVP: Lee.County@gal.fl.gov

Tuesday, February 21, 5-7p.m. – In Service: Special Ed Child? Become an Educational Surrogate

Location: GAL Office--Fort Myers

Speaker: Theresa Bowen, FDLRS Program Director

Every special education student needs, and is entitled to by law, an Educational Surrogate to make educational decisions, request evaluations, and officially advocate for him/her educationally. Although regular foster parents can be appointed, and therapeutic foster parents can not, many decline this important role.

You may want to add this appointment to strengthen your Guardian ad Litem advocacy on behalf of your ESE student. This training will give you the certification required to be the Educational Surrogate--officially!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			29	1	2	3 New Volunteer Training - Charlotte
4	5	6	7 New Volunteer Orientation - Lee	8	9 In Service: Sexual Abuse – Charlotte In Service: Early Child Development and Visitation - Lee	10 New Volunteer Training - Charlotte
11	12 Advisory Council	13	14	15	16	17 New Volunteer Training - Charlotte
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	21

Circuitwide

Monday, March 12—Director’s Advisory Council. Meets at Lee County GAL Office, Ft. Myers.

Charlotte County

Saturday, March 3, 10, and 17;—New Volunteer Training.

All sessions 8:30am-5:30pm. **Location:** Charlotte County GAL office – 1st floor conference room.

Thursday, March 9, Time TBD – In Service: Advocating for the Sexually Abused Child

Location: TBD

Presenter: Sally Beckett, Director of the Child Protection Team

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[Lee County](#)

Wednesday, March 7, 12:00 – 1:00 – New Volunteer Orientation.

Location: Lee County GAL office, Fort Myers.

Thursday, March 9, - In Service: Early Childhood Development and Visitation Seminar
More information to follow.

Location: Lee Memorial Hospital training room

Presenters: Judge Tepper and Dr. Graham

RSVP: lee.county@gal.fl.gov

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APRIL 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 New Volunteer Orientation - Lee	3	4	5	6 Offices Closed.	7
8	9 Advisory Council	10	11	12	13	14 New Volunteer Training - Hendry
15	16	17 New Volunteer Training - Lee	18	19 New Volunteer Training - Lee	20	21 New Volunteer Training - Hendry
22	23	24 New Volunteer Orientation - Collier New Volunteer Training - Lee	25	26	27	28 New Volunteer Training - Hendry
29	30					

Circuitwide

Monday, April 9, 10:30am—Director’s Advisory Council. Meets at Lee County GAL Office, Ft. Myers.

Friday April 6—Good Friday. All Program Offices Closed.

Voices for Kids

Wednesday, April 13, 11am-1pm—Voices for Kids Special Needs Committee meeting. Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month to review special needs requests for children in care. Contact: Monica Robb, mmrobb@aol.com.

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Location: Collier NAMI – 6216 Trail Blvd. Building C, Naples

[Hendry County](#)

Saturdays, April 14, 21, and 28 - New Volunteer Training.

All sessions 8:30am-5:30pm. **Location:** TBD

[Lee County](#)

Monday, April 2, 12:00 – 1:00 – New Volunteer Orientation.

Location: Lee County GAL office, Fort Myers.

Tuesday, April 17; Thursday, April 19; and Tuesday, April 24 - New Volunteer Training.

All sessions 8:30am-5:30pm. **Location:** Lee County GAL office.

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