



CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
FAMILY COURT DIVISION
625 EAST 26TH STREET
KANSAS CITY MO 64108-2719

POLICY & PROCEDURE

Issued by: Director of Office of the Guardian ad Litem – Family Court

Topic: **Policy No. 1030-10 -- GAL Standard 10 – Participation in Case-Related Activities**

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Rescinds:

Reviewed: June 1, 2018

POLICY:

The Office of the Guardian ad Litem (OGAL), shall participate in activities outside of court that affect the best interests of the children it represents. This includes involvement in the preparation of service plans, parenting plans and proposed orders and attending staffings. The assigned Guardian ad Litem (GAL) attorney and non-attorney staff shall monitor the implementation of service plans and court orders to determine whether services ordered by the court are provided in a timely manner.

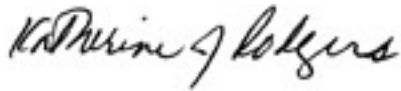
PROCEDURES:

1. The assigned GAL attorney or non-attorney staff shall attend and actively participate in staffings and meetings including, but not limited to, family support team meetings and permanency planning meetings affecting the safety and well-being of the children and the accomplishment of any court approved permanency goal.
2. The assigned GAL attorney and the non-attorney staff monitor compliance with court orders and enter information in the file. This is to assure that court orders are being followed so that the assigned GAL attorney may take appropriate action if they are not. This will include follow up with Children's Division worker to ensure that services have been authorized and with service providers to ensure services are being appropriately delivered. The assigned GAL attorney and the non-attorney staff will document steps taken in the file and, if necessary, the assigned GAL attorney will take appropriate action in order to assure appropriate compliance with court orders.
3. The assigned GAL attorney and the non-attorney staff shall attend any adoption staffings in order to help select a permanent resource for the children.

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REVISIONS: The proponent for this policy is the Director of the Office of Guardian ad Litem. If you have recommended changes or want to report errors, send your suggestions to the Director of Guardian ad Litem, Family Justice Center, 625 East 26th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108.

REVIEW DATE: July 1, 2019



June 1, 2018

Kathy J. Rodgers
Director of Office of the Guardian ad Litem-Family Court

Date

APPLICABLE STANDARDS:

None

CC: Deputy Court Administrator – Family Court Division