The Administrative Office of the Courts is pleased to oversee the Legal Training for Dependency, Neglect and Abuse Cases (formerly the Guardian ad Litem Training Program). Since 1999, the AOC has been responsible for preparing attorneys to provide legal representation to dependent, neglected and abused children throughout Kentucky.

The goal of the program is to produce highly qualified guardians ad litem by offering training sessions, providing educational materials and serving as a comprehensive resource.

The curriculum gives counsel for children an overview of Kentucky statutory and case law while also meeting the federal requirements set forth in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and the Adoption and Safe Families Act.

**Trainings offered at 3 locations in Kentucky**

**Friday, May 11, 2018**
Basic Curriculum  
Pennyroyal Area Development District  
300 Hammond Drive  
Hopkinsville, Ky.

**Friday, August 31, 2018**
Basic Curriculum  
Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office  
3490 KY Route 321  
Prestonsburg, Ky.

**Friday, November 9, 2018**
Basic Curriculum  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
1001 Vandalay Drive  
Frankfort, Ky.

Guardians ad litem play key role in protecting children

More than 11,400 Kentucky children are in state custody because they have been removed from their homes due to dependency, neglect and abuse. Federal and state laws mandate that these children be placed into permanent homes.

The judicial system recognizes the need to achieve timely and appropriate placement for children who are parties in the juvenile court process. To that end, the Administrative Office of the Courts sponsors this training to help ensure that children receive fair and expeditious treatment. Attorneys who participate in the Guardian ad Litem Program provide a valuable service to the children of the commonwealth and are to be commended for their dedication.

John D. Minton Jr.  
Chief Justice of Kentucky

**HOW TO REGISTER**
To register, complete and return the registration form. The cost is $75 for attorneys seeking continuing legal education credit and licensed social workers in private practice. Personnel with the Department for Community Based Services and volunteers with the Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board and Court Appointed Special Advocates are exempt from the registration fee.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**
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Note: Registration begins promptly at 8:15 a.m.

Name ____________________________________________________________

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☐ Judge ☐ Attorney ☐ DCBS Staff ☐ CFCRB Volunteer ☐ CASA Volunteer
☐ Other __________________________________________________________

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*Information regarding changes in schedule or location will be sent by email. Please verify that the email address you have listed above is legible and correct.

Registration is $75 and payable by check or money order to Kentucky State Treasurer. Please write “DNA” in the memo section of your check. Mail this registration form and payment to:

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