

COURT...

Please answer these questions if you had a D&N case.

Who told you about the court dates in your case? (Please check the box for every answer that answers the question for you.)

- ☐ My parents, ☐ My placement,
☐ MY GAL, ☐ My caseworker, and/or
☐ Other: _____. ☐ No one told me my court dates.

Did your GAL talk with you about what happens in court?

- ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Did your GAL talk with you about what happened in court case at court?

- ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Did your GAL talk to you about your right to go to court?

- ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Did you go to court?

- ☐ Yes. I went to court _____ times. ☐ No.

How was court when you went? Did it go well or not? Why did it go well or not well?

Is there anything your GAL or the court could have done to make you feel more welcome at court?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about court?



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Colorado Office of the
Child's Representative



HELLO

We are the office of the Child's Representative, or OCR for short.

OCR is a state office which hires, trains, and helps attorneys called Guardian *ad litem*, or GALs for short.

GALs represent what is best for youth in many court cases. Two of those cases are:

- Dependency and neglect cases, which are opened because someone believes a family needs the government's help; and
- Delinquency cases, which are opened because someone said a youth did something that was against the law.

If you are a youth who has or has had a D&N case OR a delinquency case with a GAL, will you please complete this survey? Your answers will tell us what we need to do to help GALs and play a huge role in how we help GALs!



Questions? Comments? Concerns? Ideas?

Please contact OCR at:

- (303) 860-1735 or
- info@coloradochildrep.org.

JUST A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU AND YOUR GAL...

Did you trust your GAL?

☐ Yes because _____

☐ No because _____

Did your GAL do a good job?

☐ Yes because _____

☐ No because _____

Please tell us anything else you would like us to know about your GAL. _____



YOU AND YOUR GAL...

Did your GAL get to know you well enough to understand what is best for you? ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

What did your GAL do to get to know you? _____

What, if anything, could your GAL have done to get to know you better? _____

Did your GAL ask you what you wanted to happen in your court case? ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Did your GAL tell the court what you wanted to have happen in your court case? ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

How do you know that your GAL told the court OR did not tell the court what you wanted to have happen in your court case? _____



A LITTLE BACKGROUND ABOUT YOU...

Have you completed this survey before?

☐ Yes. ☐ No.

If you completed one before, please do not complete another one. Thanks!!

How old are you? _____ years old.

Did you have a dependency and neglect case (D&N for short)? D&N cases are opened because someone thinks a family needs the government's help.

☐ Yes. My GAL's name was _____.
☐ No.

Did you have a delinquency case? Delinquency cases are opened because someone said a youth did something that was against the law.

☐ Yes, and my GAL's name was _____.
☐ Yes, but the court did not give me a GAL.
☐ No.

Did you have a D&N case AND a delinquency case? ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Can we contact you for your ideas about GALs and youth?

☐ Yes.
My name is _____.
You can reach me at _____.
☐ No.



YOUR CONTACT WITH YOUR GAL...

When you reached out to your GAL to speak with him/her, did your GAL respond to you? (Please check the box for one answer.)

- ☐ Never.
- ☐ Sometimes.
- ☐ Usually.
- ☐ Always.
- ☐ I never reached out to my GAL to speak with him/her.

How often did you have contact with your GAL? (Please check the box for one answer.)

- ☐ Once a day.
- ☐ Once a week.
- ☐ 2 or 3 times a month.
- ☐ Once a month.
- ☐ Other: _____.

Did your GAL visit you in every place you lived during your case?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No. My GAL did not visit me at one placement.
- ☐ No. My GAL did not visit me at _____ placements.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your contact with your GAL? _____



TOPICS YOU AND YOUR GAL TALKED ABOUT...

What did you and your GAL talk about? (Please check the box for every answer that answers the question for you.)

- ☐ **My parents,**
- ☐ **The visits and/or contact I was having with my parents,**
- ☐ **My brothers and/or sisters,**
- ☐ **The visits and/or contact I was having with my brothers and/or sisters,**
- ☐ **My school,**
- ☐ **Where I was living,**
- ☐ **Where I wanted to live,**
- ☐ **The people I was living with,**
- ☐ **The people who are important to me (like my family, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, people at my church),**
- ☐ **The people I wanted to live with,**
- ☐ **My plans for my future, and/or**
- ☐ **Other: _____**

