



# Current GAL In-Service Training Opportunities

Upcoming training opportunities offered by the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit GAL Program. The webmaster will be uploading more soon. You can always find out the latest details at [www.12gal.org](http://www.12gal.org).

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE in the Dependency System

Thursday, **January 15<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00pm-5:30pm  
St. Thomas More  
2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota 34231  
Presented by Brooke Thurmond, CAC

- DV Overview
- How does DV look in the Dependency System?
- Real-life case discussion – How does DV affect GAL advocacy?

RSVP by January 13<sup>th</sup> to Melinda Gaines at [melinda.gaines@gal.fl.gov](mailto:melinda.gaines@gal.fl.gov)

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## Movie Night!!!

Tuesday, **January 27<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00pm-8:00pm  
Dan McClure Auditorium  
5900 Airport Auditorium Lane, Sarasota 34243

**SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED; audience is welcome to bring their own dinner if desired**



The film follows young people as they exit foster care and become parents, battle drug addiction, face homelessness, and even end up in jail. Despite their struggles, the film also shows these teenagers using the resiliency they developed during their years "in the system" to take control of their lives. It also forces us to consider the strengths and weaknesses of the public systems that serve these youth, as well as the roles that private citizens and organizations can play. **This documentary is not rated but likely includes profanity.**

RSVP by January 23<sup>rd</sup> to Melinda Gaines at [melinda.gaines@gal.fl.gov](mailto:melinda.gaines@gal.fl.gov)

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## Movie Night!!!

Thursday, **January 29<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00pm-9:00pm

Dan McClure Auditorium

5900 Airport Auditorium Lane, Sarasota 34243

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This is a compilation of 5 stories surrounding mental illness with an all-star cast. Lucy has schizophrenia, Grace's mother is bi-polar, Alison's family is ruled by her sister's sickness, Eddie is severely depressed, and Maggie fights PTSD. **This documentary is not rated but likely includes profanity.**

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## Pre-Service Training Refresher

**You may also attend portions of Pre-Service Training for  
In-Service credit!**

**Sarasota, Bradenton, Arcadia Pre-Service Training**

**January 15 & 16 (Thursday & Friday) 9AM to 4PM**

Contact Melinda Gaines at [melinda.gaines@gal.fl.gov](mailto:melinda.gaines@gal.fl.gov) for more information.

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**Know anyone interested in becoming a volunteer GAL?  
If so, please refer them to our website or call one of our GAL  
offices for assistance.**