

## **Florida's 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program**

Serving children and families in Sarasota, Manatee, and De Soto counties.

### **Volunteer Advisory Committee (VAC)**

Advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children.

The **Volunteer Advisory Committee (VAC)** for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program is a forum of trained and certified volunteer GAL Child Advocates with members from each of the three local offices. The VAC meets monthly to facilitate communications and advises the Circuit Director on opportunities to...

- \*Improve communications within the Circuit,
- \*Enhance the effectiveness of the Circuit training and mentoring program,
- \*Promote the exchange of ideas and initiatives to improve the overall GAL Program,
- \*Work on special projects/specific initiatives that recognize emerging policy changes and topics.

The VAC meetings are convened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Ranch Office. If you have a topic, issue, or suggestion you would like the committee to address, contact us so it may be included on an agenda.

The VAC would like your continuing feedback on specific topics to discuss with the Circuit Director. To assist with that goal we have placed a "Suggestion Box" in each of the GAL Offices in the Circuit for you to offer your ideas and suggestions or feel free to email VAC members.

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