

Charlene Edwards:

I became a Guardian ad Litem because I took care of kids in the system. I've always been the type of person that always helped out with children. I had a heart for helping those that are in need.

Ellen Kranzler:

The situations they're in are not situations that they have chosen to be in, or they want to be in.

Anna Valencia:

They're the individuals that need the most help.

Cherie Dye:

Being someone in a child's life that is there. That's present for them.

Ellen Kranzler:

I said, "That's it. That's what I need to do." And I've been with it ever since.

Janice Little:

You're the voice of the child in the court system. And it's extremely rewarding when you see the effects of what you do.

Isabel Moreno:

Just to know that I could probably bring a smile to a child's face, someone who's been through a lot.

Ellen Kranzler:

And you are the eyes and the ears representing this child, to be there for them and stand up for them.

Cherie Dye:

You're someone that they can depend on.

Janice Little:

My cases in the past, I've had a three month old. The oldest child I've had was 17, that aged out at 18.

Ellen Kranzler:

I have a 22-year old child at this point that I've been with since he was 14. I'm like a grandparent him, he's part of my life.

Isabel Moreno:

Whether it be they're looking forward to something that's going to happen in the future, school, they're going to join a program, that's what I think is a motivation to keep going.

Ellen Kranzler:

It can be anybody. You don't need any experience, you don't need any background in any particular area.

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Janice Little:

The Guardian ad Litem program doesn't require a lot of time, but it just requires commitment.

Cherie Dye:

My experience has been so fulfilling personally.

Ellen Kranzler:

You get paid in warm fuzzies, and I have been paid in so many warm fuzzies.

Charlene Edwards:

I will say try it. You'll love it, because making a difference in a child life means so much to me.