



EFFECTIVENESS

of best-interest representation

A CHILD WITH A GUARDIAN AD LITEM

- Is less likely to reenter the child welfare system. The proportion of reentries is consistently reduced by half.
- Is more likely to achieve permanency.
- Is more likely to be adopted.
- Has significantly fewer placements than a child without a Guardian ad Litem.
- As likely to be reunified with their birth parent as a child without a Guardian ad Litem.
- Is more likely to have better outcomes: children tended to perform better academically and behaviorally in school.
- Has a higher number of services ordered.
- Reports significant higher levels of hope. A child's hope has been linked to numerous positive outcomes such as academic success, overall well-being, increases in self-control, positive social relationships, and optimism.



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Source: <https://nationalcasagal.org/our-impact/research-and-effectiveness/#:~:text=A%20child%20with%20a%20CASA%2FGAL%20volunteer%20is%3A,is%20consisten,ly%20reduced%20by%20half.>