

2009 Guardian ad litem Continuing Education Program

The Guardian ad litem Board is sponsoring a 2009 Guardian ad litem Board Continuing Education program on Saturday, September 12, 2009 in Concord, New Hampshire. This program will consist of four (4) workshops and each workshop will receive 2.0 Gal Board approved CEU's.

Saturday, September 12, 2009

Workshop #1 - 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Parenting Considerations When Working with Abusive Relationships: The dynamics of domestic abuse are difficult for most of us to understand. What is an abusive relationship? Why does an abused person stay? How does domestic abuse impact your role as a Guardian ad litem? Learn how to identify domestic violence and make recommendations when abuse is present. Community resources for parents and children will be discussed.

Workshop #2 - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

2009 Gal Update Regarding Billing, Gal Rules, and Case Law: Receive an update on a variety of different issues impacting the practice of Guardian ad litem work in New Hampshire. We'll discuss billing information (private pay and Gal Fund), Scope of Appointment issues, Gal Rules (effective September 15, 2007); recently promulgated Court Rules (effective September 15, 2007); recently promulgated Court Rules, and case law.

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Lunch on your own

Workshop #3 - 1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Gal Report Writing and Legal Standards for Child Placement Cases: From "elements of style" to the child's best interests: what does it take to write a GAL report? Is there a format best suited to accurately reflect the GAL Order on Appointment? Learn techniques and tips to reach a conclusion and make recommendations coherently. Learn ways to specifically address the child related 'matter' and incorporate 'legal standards' into your report writing.

Workshop #4 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Interviewing the Child Client: This award-winning training video provides practical guidance and demonstrations of techniques that can help Guardian ad litem's (and lawyer's) work effectively with their child clients. This training video was created by the ABA's Children's Rights Litigation Committee.

One, two or three workshops will be \$30.00 for each workshop. You may elect to participate in all four workshops for \$100.00. It is important to note that lunch is not included in the cost of the workshops.

If you are interested in registering for one or all of these programs, please contact the NHTI - Concord's Community College, Business Training Center at (603) 271-6663..