

Child Protective Services: Juvenile Court - Placement Issues

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2102.8 Appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem

Requirement

Request the appointment of a guardian ad litem when a deprivation complaint is filed.

Procedures/Practice Issues

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (Public Law 100-294) requires appointment of a guardian ad litem to represent involved children in judicial proceedings. The appointment is the court's responsibility. When this practice does not exist in a county, county DFCS should discuss this with appropriate court officials, requesting involvement of the SAAG and regional staff if needed.

Section [15-11-55](#) of the Juvenile Code of Georgia provides for the appointment of a guardian ad litem on application or motion at any time in the proceeding.