# Advanced GAL Data Collection Form for Advanced GALs: Pre-Program (General Items)

This form is designed to track outcomes resulting from the work of Ohio CASA/GAL Association’s Advanced Guardian ad Litem: Excellence in Child Custody Cases Program. By completing this form, you can help make it possible to evaluate the effect of advanced training and changes in competencies and practice by GALs who participate in the advanced training program. Indicators will be measured at intervals between 2021 and 2023. Establishing a shared understanding among courts and their partners about relative rates of these concerns in contested custody cases, and particularly in low income cases, as well as the positive impacts of subsidized Advanced GAL services could potentially result in new programming and policies by courts, GAL education providers, adult and child advocates and civil legal assistance programs in Ohio and beyond. Participation in this study poses minimal risk to you personally. All results from this project will be kept confidential, and all data will be presented in aggregate. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Megan Heydlauff at 614.224.2272 or [mheydlauff@ohiocasa.org](mailto:mheydlauff@ohiocasa.org).

Do you voluntarily agree to participate in this study? ◯ Yes ◯ No (If yes, please proceed to form.)

**General questions**

Do you have previous experience working as a GAL? ◯ Yes ◯ No

If you answered “yes” above, how many years of experience do you have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

Approximately how many cases have you worked on as a GAL? cases

On average, how many GAL cases do you have at one time? \_\_\_\_\_ cases

On average, how many hours do you spend on a GAL case from start to finish? \_\_\_\_\_ hours

On average, how many home visits do you conduct on a case from start to finish? \_\_\_\_\_ home visits

On average, do you complete the following at least once on every case?

Meetings with additional family members? ◯ Yes ◯ No

Meetings with other professionals? ◯ Yes ◯ No

Meetings with service providers? ◯ Yes ◯ No

Requests for records/documents? ◯ Yes ◯ No

File motions? ◯ Yes ◯ No

What percentage of your cases to-date have involved the following issues (approximately):

Sexual assault (adult) \_\_\_\_%

Domestic Violence/dating violence (adult) \_\_\_\_%

Stalking (adult) \_\_\_\_%

Child maltreatment \_\_\_\_%

Child neglect \_\_\_\_%

Emotional abuse (adult) \_\_\_\_%

Substance abuse (adult) \_\_\_\_%

Mental illness (adult) \_\_\_\_%

Threat of parental abduction \_\_\_\_%

Homelessness \_\_\_\_%

Violation of court orders \_\_\_\_%