

Kids' Voice

Authorization for Release of Limited DCS Record

APPLICANT: To determine eligibility for consideration of acceptance into the Kids' Voice GAL Volunteer Program it is required that a limited Department of Child Services record history check be made on all applicants. We will request information concerning reports of alleged abuse and neglect. This information will be kept confidential by the professional staff throughout the screening phase of the application process. Your application may be denied upon disclosure of a record of improper conduct.

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I HEREBY AUTHORIZE KIDS' VOICE TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE A LIMITED WELFARE RECORD HISTORY SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. The purpose and need for disclosure is to determine eligibility for acceptance as a GAL volunteer by Kids' Voice.**
- 2. The specific information to be disclosed (310's and 311's) is information concerning reports of complaints of abuse and neglect and official current status.**
- 3. Information will be released to the professional staff of Kids' Voice for initial consideration of acceptance.**
- 4. Applicant's signature signifies the understanding that this consent is valid as long as he/she is an active applicant of participant in the GAL Program and expires only when he/she is no longer officially recognized as a program participant.**

APPLICANT: _____
First Name Middle Name Maiden Name Last Name

Current Residence: _____
Street City State Zip

Social Security #: _____ **Race:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Past Residence:

City _____ State _____ County _____ Inclusive Date _____

City _____ State _____ County _____ Inclusive Date _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Authorization for Release of Limited Criminal and Driving Record History

APPLICANT: To determine eligibility for consideration of acceptance into the Kids' Voice GAL Volunteer Program it is required that a limited criminal and driving record history check be made on all applicants. We will request the following information: arrest date, offense, disposition and/or conviction, and official current status. This information will be kept confidential by the professional staff throughout the screening phase of the application process. Your application may be denied upon disclosure of a felony record. An existing non-felony record may or may not exclude you from consideration of acceptance.

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I HEREBY AUTHORIZE KIDS' VOICE TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE A LIMITED CRIMINAL AND DRIVE RECORD HISTORY SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. The purpose and need for disclosure is to determine eligibility for acceptance as a GAL volunteer by Kids' Voice.**
- 2. The specific information to be disclosed is criminal history information.**
- 3. Information will be released to the professional staff of Kids' Voice for initial consideration of acceptance.**
- 4. Applicant's signature signifies the understanding that this consent is valid as long as he/she is an active applicant or participant in the GAL Program and expires only when he/she is no longer officially recognized as a program participant.**

APPLICANT: _____
First Name Middle Name Maiden Name Last Name

Current Residence: _____
Street City State Zip

Social Security #: _____ **Race:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Past Residence:

City _____ State _____ County _____ Inclusive Date _____

City _____ State _____ County _____ Inclusive Date _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Kids' Voice of Indiana
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Indianapolis, IN 46216
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(317) 558-2945 FAX

Date Submitted _____
Date Reviewed _____
Reference Checks Completed _____

Training Completed _____

VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN AD LITEM APPLICATION FORM

PART 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

General History

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Soc. Security # _____

City/Zip _____ Sex _____ Race _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Business Name _____ Business Phone _____

Business Address _____ Fax _____

_____ May you be called at work? _____

Name of Spouse (if married) _____

Spouse's Occupation _____ Spouse's Employer _____

Children:	Name	Date of Birth
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Other Members of Household:	Name	Relationship
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Emergency Contact _____

Address and Phone of Emergency Contact _____

Describe Your General Health _____

Name of Community, Professional or other Organizations you Belong _____

Offices Currently or Previously Held _____

TRANSPORTATION

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes _____ No _____

Is a car available to you? Yes _____ No _____

Insurance Company _____ Liability Limits _____

Policy Number _____

PAID/UNPAID WORK HISTORY

Present Employer _____

Dates of Employment _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Employer Contact/Supervisor _____ Telephone _____

Job Description _____

Previous Employer _____

Dates of Employment _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Employer Contact/Supervisor _____

Supervisor Telephone _____ Company Fax _____

Job Description _____

EDUCATION/TRAINING/EXPERIENCE

High School Diploma Yes _____ No _____

High School and Year Graduated _____

College Diploma Yes _____ No _____

College/University and years attended _____

College Degree(s) held _____

Other Education/Training Programs Completed _____

Do you have any training and/or experience in any of the following area?

_____ art/graphics _____ child care _____ child development

_____ counseling _____ criminology _____ drug/alcohol abuse

_____ education _____ health care _____ law enforcement

_____ mental health _____ news media _____ psychology

_____ public speaking _____ social work _____ writing

_____ other please describe: _____

LEGAL HISTORY

Have you ever been arrested? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain _____

Have you ever been involved in a juvenile court case (as an adult or child)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain _____

MOTIVATION AND LIFE HISTORY INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions **in paragraph form** on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Write a **short summary** about your interest in volunteering and how you hope to benefit from this volunteer experience.
2. Briefly explain what led to your decision to apply for a volunteer position with the Guardian ad Litem program?
3. Briefly explain your philosophy of parenting, including the rights and responsibilities of both parents and children.
4. Briefly explain what role you believe society should play in
 - a. protecting the rights of children.
 - b. helping a family overcome hardships and remain living together as one unit.
5. Please write a **one page** autobiography.

REFERENCES

Please print the names and contact information of two individuals who have known you for at least **two years** and can address themselves to how you relate to children/people in general, and how well you could fulfill the responsibilities of a GAL. **Please do not include relatives or household members.** The Kids' Voice program staff will contact the references you list by mail.

Name _____ Length of acquaintance _____

Address _____ City/ST/Zip _____

Name _____ Length of acquaintance _____

Address _____ City/ST/Zip _____

AFFIRMATION OF RELEASE

I, _____, hereby affirm that all the answers on this volunteer application for Kids' Voice are true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize Kids' Voice to investigate my background to determine my fitness as a potential GAL volunteer. I understand that the information requested in this application will be used only for the purpose of determining my suitability as a Guardian ad Litem.

Further, I understand that after the successful completion of my training, I will be expected to serve a minimum of one year or for as long as the children (or children) to whom I am assigned are under the

court's jurisdiction. If unforeseen circumstances prevent me from fulfilling this obligation, I will submit my written resignation to the program staff/Volunteer Coordinator as soon as possible.

I am aware of the sensitive and confidential nature of the official documents, reports and other materials I will examine in my capacity as a GAL volunteer. I promise that I shall hold in strict confidence all pertinent information. I will discuss the contents of these materials only with those persons who are parties to the case, their legal representatives, or those people who will be consulted due to their professional knowledge or expertise. I accept full responsibility for maintaining the confidential and private nature of all records and information. I understand that I am personally responsible and liable for any violation of this statement.

Signed _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Return completed form to:

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