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Good morning,

As can be seen by unfortunate recent examples such as the Catholic church or Penn State child abuse problems, bureaucracies can be easily corrupted by base human desires and needs. Once the problem begins the silence and cover up make detection difficult. To better protect children in Connecticut, please consider the following changes regarding the GAL position:

- a. include GALs as mandated reporters
- b. establish an independent office, perhaps in the Attorney General's office, that would have responsibility for independently selecting and assigning attorneys as GALs when a request is made by the court.
- c. Prohibited improper relationships by GALs with parents by creating severe criminal, civil and professional penalties.

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