

**EVALUATION OF THE GUARDIAN
AD LITEM / ADVOCATE PILOT PROJECT**



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Advocate Survey for the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL)/ Advocate Pilot Program

The statements below describe reactions some advocates may have about their experiences as an advocate.

For each statement, circle the one response which best describes your feelings about the statement.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
1. I understand my role as an Advocate as it relates to this pilot program.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I feel I have received adequate training to fulfill my role in this pilot program.	1	2	3	4	5
3. I am comfortable making recommendations in my role as an Advocate.	1	2	3	4	5
4. I come to meetings related to my role in this pilot program prepared.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I think my recommendations are taken seriously by the judge.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I attended all classification meetings.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I feel my opinion is respected by other Maine Department of Corrections staff.	1	2	3	4	5
8. I feel that I am making a difference.	1	2	3	4	5
9. I like my role as an Advocate in this pilot project.	1	2	3	4	5
10. I received the documents I needed to be effective in my role as an Advocate.	1	2	3	4	5
11. I had a good working relationship with others involved in my cases.	1	2	3	4	5
12. I feel valued by the parents.	1	2	3	4	5
13. I attended all judicial review hearings.	1	2	3	4	5

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Advocates Survey for the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL)/Advocate Pilot Program

Please describe additional training you might find helpful.

What has been most difficult for you as an Advocate?

What have you found most helpful or rewarding?

Please explain any areas of concern you have.

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