

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT
INFORMATION SHEET**

 Whatcom County Contract No.
202509026

Originating Department:	Whatcom County Superior Court		
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)	Juvenile- VGAL Program		
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Stephanie Kraft		
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Administrative Office of the Courts		
Is this a New Contract? If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes ☐ No ☒ Yes ☒ No ☐ If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: _____			
Does contract require Council Approval? Yes ☒ No ☐ If No, include WCC: _____ Already approved? Council Approved Date: _____ (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)			
Is this a grant agreement? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): _____ CFDA#: _____			
Is this contract grant funded? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____			
Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Contract _____ Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): _____ Cost Center: 10007002			
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No ☐ Yes ☒ If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.			
If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below: ☐ Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional. ☐ Goods and services provided due to an emergency ☐ Contract work is for less than \$100,000. ☐ Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS). ☐ Contract work is for less than 120 days. ☐ Work related subcontract less than \$25,000. ☒ Interlocal Agreement (between Governments). ☐ Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.			
Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments): \$ 84,523 This Amendment Amount: \$ _____ Total Amended Amount: \$ 84,523	Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards exceeding \$40,000 , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, except when : 1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council. 2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance. 3. Bid or award is for supplies. 4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance. 5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.		
Summary of Scope:			
The purpose of this contract is to reimburse Whatcom County Superior Court Juvenile Division for expenses incurred relating to the Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem (VGAL) program.			
Term of Contract: July 1, 2025		Expiration Date: June 30, 2026	
Contract Routing: 1. Prepared by: Stephanie Kraft Date: 7/31/25 2. Attorney signoff: Christopher Quinn Date: 08/19/25 3. AS Finance reviewed: electronic approval / AT/SK Date: 8/16/25 4. IT reviewed (if IT related): _____ Date: _____ 5. Contractor signed: _____ Date: _____ 6. Executive contract review: jlogan Date: 09/15/2025 7. Council approved, if necessary: AB2025-626 Date: 09/09/2025 8. Executive signed: ssidhu Date: 9.16.25 9. Original to Council: _____ Date: _____			

**WHATCOM COUNTY
Superior Court Administration
Superior-Juvenile**

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Stephanie Kraft
Superior and Juvenile Court
Administrator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator

RE: Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem Program for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 with the Administrative Office of the Courts

DATE: July 31, 2025

Enclosed is an original of the interagency agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County Superior Court has been receiving reimbursement for expenses related to the Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem (VGAL) Program.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The Administrative Office of the Courts will reimburse Whatcom County Superior Court Juvenile Division up to a maximum of \$84,523.00 for reimbursement of costs for providing VGAL service in dependency proceedings.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

There are no changes from the previous contract.

Please contact **Stephanie Kraft** at extension **5496**, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement,

Encl.



WASHINGTON COURTS

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

WASHINGTON STATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

AOC2647

AND

WHATCOM COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

CASA/VOLUNTEER GAL PROGRAM

1. PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

This Interagency Agreement is made and entered into by and between the State of Washington acting by and through the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts, hereinafter referred to as "AOC or Procuring Agency," and Whatcom County Juvenile Court, referred to as "Court or Agency". The AOC and the Agency may be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to for the Court to increase the number of children served by court-appointed special advocates (CASAs)/volunteer guardians ad litem as defined by RCW 13.34.030(12) in dependency matters or to reduce the average caseload of volunteers to recommended standards.

Funds received by the Court under this Agreement may only be used to supplement, not supplant, any other local, state or federal funds received by the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:

3. STATEMENT OF WORK

The Court shall:

Furnish the necessary personnel, equipment, material and/or service(s) and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of managing a CASA/volunteer guardian ad litem program as defined in RCW 13.34.030(13) to serve juvenile dependency cases. The Court will ensure that the program and volunteers

comply with the statutory requirements contained in RCW 13.34.100-107. The Court will submit reports to AOC detailing information about the number of children served and the number of volunteers.

The CASA/Volunteer GAL Bi-Annual Report to the Administrative Office of the Courts shall be submitted electronically. The required form for bi-annual reporting, which is incorporated in this agreement, is located on the Inside Courts website under 'Court Resources> Court Management' and choose the "CASA Bi-Annual Report to AOC". There are certain Courts that are not able to access the Inside Courts website, and to accommodate reporting compliance, Exhibit C is attached.

Reporting schedule:

Period	Report Due
07/01/25 - 12/31/25	01/31/26
01/01/26 - 06/30/26	07/31/26

Failure to submit a report by the due date may adversely affect state funding of the CASA/Volunteer GAL program.

If you have questions, please contact the AOC Project Manager Christopher Stanley at Christopher.Stanley@courts.wa.gov or (360) 357-2406.

4. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Subject to its other provisions, the period of performance of this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2025, and end on June 30, 2026, unless terminated sooner or extended, as provided herein.

5. COMPENSATION

AOC will reimburse the Court a total compensation not to exceed **\$84,523** for payments made during the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, related to the purpose of this agreement.

Procuring Agency may extend the term of this Contract or increase funds by mutual written amendment. Such amendment shall be on the same terms and conditions as set forth in this Contract.

6. INVOICES; BILLING; PAYMENT

The Court will submit properly prepared itemized invoices via email on an A19 form to AOC Program Manager. Invoices shall be submitted no more than once a month. Incorrect or incomplete A19s shall be returned by AOC to the Agency for correction or reissuance. All A19s shall provide and itemize, at a minimum, the following:

- Agreement Number: AOC2647
- Agency name, address and phone number
- Description of Reimbursement
- Date(s) Services were provided
- Receipt(s) if applicable
- Total Reimbursement

Court shall receive payment for actual costs (within the amount identified) which are associated with juvenile dependency cases. Court shall use CASA Cost Guidelines (Exhibit A) as a guide for determining what costs should be reimbursed.

Payment will be made by the AOC upon receipt of a properly-completed Washington State form A-19, Monthly Detail Report (Exhibit B), and required backup documentation. Invoices are to be sent via email to AOC Financial Services at payables@courts.wa.gov. AOC will remit payment to the Court in a total amount not to exceed the value of this agreement.

Court shall maintain sufficient backup documentation of direct costs expenses under this Agreement.

Allocated administrative Court costs must be applied at a rate that is set forth and supported by a documented internal administrative rate plan that has been approved by the designated authority at the Superior Court and is readily accessible for review by AOC or the State Auditor. If there is no approved plan, a 10 percent de minimis rate may be applied. This rate shall only be calculated on the total amount of salaries and benefits.

Payment will be considered timely if made by the AOC within thirty (30) calendar dates of receipt of a properly prepared A19. No A19 shall be submitted until after a deliverable has been accepted by the AOC Program Manager.

The AOC will not make any advanced payments or payments in anticipation of services or supplies under this Contract.

7. REVENUE SHARING

- a. AOC, in its sole discretion, may initiate revenue sharing. AOC will notify the Court **via unilateral amendment to the agreement** no later than May 1, 2026 that AOC intends to reallocate funding among courts in the program. If AOC determines the Court may not spend all funds available under the Agreement, then AOC may reduce the Agreement amount. If AOC determines the Court may spend more funds than available under the Agreement and for its scope, then AOC may increase the Agreement amount.
- b. If the AOC initiates revenue sharing, then the Court must submit the final revenue sharing A19 to payables@courts.wa.gov between July 12, 2026 and August 1, 2026.

8. AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT

The Program Manager and Agency Program Manager noted below shall be responsible for and shall be the contact people for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this Contract. The parties may change administrators by written notice.

AOC Program Manager	Agency Program Manager
Christopher Stanley PO Box 41170 Olympia, WA 98504-1170 Christopher.Stanley@courts.wa.gov (360) 357-2406	Stephanie Kraft Juvenile and Superior Court Administrator 311 Grand Ave, Ste 301 Bellingham, WA 98225-4048 SKraft@co.whatcom.wa.us (360) 778-5496

9. RECORDS, DOCUMENTS, AND REPORTS

- a. Records Retention. The parties to this Agreement shall each maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs expended by either party in the performance of the service(s) described herein. These records shall be subject to inspection, review or audit by personnel of both parties, other personnel duly authorized by either party, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal officials so authorized by law. All books, records, documents, and other material relevant to this Agreement will be retained a minimum of six years after expiration of the Agreement and the Office of the State Auditor, federal auditors, and any persons duly authorized by the parties shall have full access and the right to examine any of these materials during this period. Records and other documents, in any medium, furnished by one party to this agreement to the other party, will remain the property of the furnishing party unless otherwise agreed. The receiving party will not disclose or make available this material to any third parties without first giving notice to the furnishing party and giving it a reasonable opportunity to respond. EXCEPT THAT, Bi-Annual Reports will be distributed to the Washington Association of Child Advocate Programs. Each party will utilize reasonable security procedures and protections to assure that records and documents provided by the other party are not erroneously disclosed to third parties.
- b. Public Records. It is the policy of the Administrative Office of the Courts to facilitate access to its administrative public records. This Agreement and related records

are subject to disclosure under General Court Rule 31.1. For additional information, please contact the AOC public records officer.

10. BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Court shall:

- a. Ensure a criminal background check has been completed for all employees, CASAs/Volunteer GALs, and subcontractors of the Court who have access to children, prior to any access under this agreement pursuant to RCW 13.34.100(3);
- b. Based on the results from the criminal background check, determine each employee, CASA/Volunteer GAL, and subcontractor of the Court is suitable for access to children;

The AOC will:

- a. Reimburse for CASA/Volunteer GAL criminal background checks.

11. RIGHTS IN DATA

Unless otherwise provided, data which originates from this Agreement shall be "works for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976 and shall be owned by the AOC. Data shall include, but not be limited to, reports, documents, pamphlets, advertisements, books magazines, surveys, studies, computer programs, films, tapes, and/or sound reproductions. Ownership includes the right to copyright, patent, register, and the ability to transfer these rights.

12. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTIES

Each party to this Agreement assumes responsibility for claims and/or damages to persons and/or property resulting from any act or omission on the part of itself, its employees, or its agents. Neither party assumes any responsibility to the other party for any third-party claims.

13. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

To the extent practicable, the Parties shall use their best, good faith efforts cooperatively and collaboratively to resolve any dispute that may arise in connection with this Agreement as efficiently as practicable, and at the lowest possible level with authority to resolve such dispute. The Parties shall make a good faith effort to continue without delay to carry out their respective responsibilities under this Agreement while attempting to resolve any such dispute. If, however, a dispute persists and cannot reasonably be resolved, it may be escalated within each organization. In such circumstance, upon notice by either party, each party, within five (5) business days shall reduce its description of the dispute to writing and deliver it to the other party. The receiving party then shall have three (3) business days to review and respond in writing. In the event the parties cannot agree on a mutual resolution within fifteen (15) business days, the parties shall appoint a member of a dispute resolution board within Thurston County and those two appointed members

will select a third. The Board shall employ dispute resolution measures and its result is binding. Both parties agree that, the existence of a dispute notwithstanding, the Parties will continue without delay to carry out all respective responsibilities under this Agreement that are not affected by the dispute.

14. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a. Amendment or Modification. Except as set forth herein, this Agreement may not be amended or modified except in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of each party hereto. In revenue sharing procedures AOC will issue a unilateral amendment.
- b. Appendix. All appendices referred to herein are deemed to be incorporated in this Agreement in their entirety.
- c. Assignment. The work to be provided under this Agreement, and any claim arising thereunder, is not assignable or delegable by either party in whole or in part, without the express prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- d. Authority. Each party to this Agreement, and each individual signing on behalf of each party, hereby represents and warrants to the other that it has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and that its execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement has been fully authorized and approved, and that no further approvals or consents are required to bind such party.
- e. Captions & Headings. The captions and headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not intended to, and shall not be construed to, limit, enlarge, or affect the scope or intent of this Agreement nor the meaning of any provisions hereof.
- f. Conformance. If any provision of this Agreement violates any statute or rule of law of the State of Washington, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.
- g. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which counterparts together shall constitute the same instrument which may be sufficiently evidenced by one counterpart. Execution of this Agreement at different times and places by the Parties shall not affect the validity thereof so long as all the Parties hereto execute a counterpart of this Agreement.
- h. Electronic Signatures. An electronic signature or electronic record of this Agreement or any other ancillary agreement shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Agreement or such other ancillary agreement for all purposes.

- i. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, and understandings between them. There are no representations or understandings of any kind not set forth herein.
- j. Governing Law. The validity, construction, performance, and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, without regard to its choice of law principles that would provide for the application of the laws of another jurisdiction.
- k. Independent Capacity. The employees or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement shall continue to be employees or agents of that party and shall not be considered for any purpose to be employees or agents of the other party.
- l. Jurisdiction & Venue. In the event that any action is brought to enforce any provision of this Agreement, the parties agree to exclusive jurisdiction in Thurston County Superior Court for the State of Washington and agree that in any such action venue shall lie exclusively at Olympia, Washington.
- m. No Agency. The parties agree that no agency, partnership, or joint venture of any kind shall be or is intended to be created by or under this Agreement. Neither party is an agent of the other party nor authorized to obligate it.
- n. Right of Inspection. The Agency shall provide right of access to its facilities to the AOC, or any of its officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the State of Washington at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this agreement.
- o. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision, if such remainder conforms to the requirements of applicable law and the fundamental purpose of this agreement, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.
- p. Termination for Cause. If for any cause, either party does not fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if either party violates any of these terms and conditions, the aggrieved party will give the other party written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party will be given the opportunity to correct the violation or failure within 15 working days. If failure or violation is not corrected, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by written notice of the aggrieved party to the other.
- q. Termination for Convenience. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) calendar days prior

written notification. Upon such termination, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of such termination.

- r. Termination for Non-Availability of Funds. AOC's ability to make payments is contingent on availability of funding. In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date and prior to completion or expiration date of this Agreement, AOC, at its sole discretion, may elect to terminate the Agreement, in whole or part, for convenience or to renegotiate the Agreement subject to new funding limitations and conditions. AOC may also elect to suspend performance of the Agreement until AOC determines the funding insufficiency is resolved. AOC may exercise any of these options with no notification restrictions, although AOC will make a reasonable attempt to provide notice.

In the event of termination or suspension, AOC will reimburse eligible costs incurred by the Agency through the effective date of termination or suspension. Reimbursed costs must be agreed to by AOC and the Agency. In no event shall AOC's reimbursement exceed AOC's total responsibility under the agreement and any amendments.

- s. Suspension for Convenience. AOC may suspend this Agreement or any portion thereof for a temporary period by providing written notice to the Agency a minimum of seven (7) calendar days before the suspension date. Agency shall resume performance on the first business day following the suspension period unless another day is specified in writing by AOC prior to the expiration of the suspension period.
- t. Waiver. A failure by either party to exercise its rights under this Agreement shall not preclude that party from subsequent exercise of such rights and shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights under this Agreement unless stated to be such in a writing signed by an authorized representative of the party and attached to the original Agreement.

EXECUTED AND EFFECTIVE as of the day and date first above written.

**WASHINGTON STATE ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

**Whatcom County Juvenile Court
CASA**



Signature Date 9/26/2025



Signature Date 9.16.25

Christopher Stanley, CGFM

Name

Satpal Singh Sidhu

Name
County Executive

Chief Financial & Management Officer

Title

Title

EXHIBIT A

CASA/VOLUNTEER GAL PROGRAM COST GUIDELINES

A. PURPOSE and SCOPE

This document establishes the allowable cost guidelines for court-appointed special advocate (CASA)/Volunteer GAL program reimbursements. It also sets forth the required documentation needed to support a reimbursement request. For FY 2026, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) will require supporting documentation be submitted with each reimbursement claim.

B. DEFINITIONS

Volunteer Guardian ad Litem. As defined in RCW 13.34.030(12): "Guardian ad litem" means a person, appointed by the court to represent the best interests of a child in a proceeding under this chapter, or in any matter which may be consolidated with a proceeding under this chapter. A "court-appointed special advocate" appointed by the court to be the guardian ad litem for the child, or to perform substantially the same duties and functions as guardian ad litem, shall be deemed to be guardian ad litem for all purposes and uses of this chapter.

CASA/Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program. As defined in RCW 13.34.030(13): "Guardian ad litem program" means a court-authorized volunteer program, which is or may be established by the superior court of the county in which such proceeding is filed, to manage all aspects of volunteer guardian ad litem representation for children alleged or found to be dependent. Such management shall include but is not limited to: Recruitment, screening, training, supervision, assignment, and discharge of volunteers.

C. GENERAL

The Legislature has previously stated that CASA/Volunteer GAL program funds are provided solely for court-appointed special advocate/volunteer GAL programs in dependency matters. The guidelines take into consideration the financial needs of a court working with court-appointed child advocates in dependency cases. These guidelines recognize the restrictions placed on CASA/Volunteer GAL program reimbursements and attempts to identify those costs that can and cannot be reimbursed.

D. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Court Project Manager

- Person designated by the court to manage the CASA/Volunteer GAL program contract according to its terms including report preparation, scope of work, and performance.
- Submits invoices and other required documentation in an accurate and timely manner.
- Keeps all supporting documentation for audit purposes for at least six years after contract expires.

2. AOC Project Manager

- Acts as central point of contact with the court.
- Approves invoices and submitted supporting documentation for CASA/Volunteer GAL program reimbursement.

- Reviews all reports required under the CASA/Volunteer GAL program agreement.
- Determines programmatic compliance of the CASA/Volunteer GAL Program agreement.
- Answers programmatic questions of the CASA/Volunteer GAL Program.
- Approves additional training and its related costs as sought by Courts for reimbursement.
- Provides guidance regarding audit-ready documentation that needs to be kept by Court.

3. AOC Comptroller

- Determines CASA/Volunteer GAL program annual fund allocation based on monies received from the Legislature; see Allocation Process section for allocation process details

E. ALLOWABLE COSTS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

All costs claimed on each reimbursement request must be supported with back-up documentation. This may include time sheets, invoices, allocation assumptions, approved indirect or administrative overhead cost plans, etc. Descriptions of allowable costs and examples of appropriate back-up documentation are provided below. This list is not exhaustive. If there are questions about whether a cost is allowable and what will be accepted as appropriate back-up documentation, the Court Project Manager should seek direction and approval in writing from the AOC Project Manager in advance of the purchase and claim for reimbursement

1. Staff/FTE (salaries and benefits)

- Payroll record/time and attendance records related to the CASA/Volunteer GAL program. If an employee is not assigned fulltime to working with the CASA/Volunteer GAL program then compensation reimbursement must be proportioned to the amount of time the employee works with the CASA/Volunteer GAL program and must be documented by time and attendance records. NOTE: This does not mean that timesheets must be completed to track the time spent. Document the process for determining the amount of time the person(s) spend on CASA/Volunteer GAL duties. For example, keep track of time for at least a week and then determine the percentage to be charged.

2. Professional Services

- General - Detailed vendor invoice to include detailed description of work performed, contract number, hours, and hourly rate or time and attendance cards. All work must be related to the CASA/Volunteer GAL program and invoice must be approved by authorizing authority (i.e. court administrator or their delegate) before inclusion in reimbursement request.
- Attorney – Invoices must identify the specific case for which reimbursement is requested, hours worked, and the hourly rate that was charged. Reimbursement is only for the legal representation of the CASA/Volunteer GAL with regard to a specific case. There is no reimbursement for representation of a minor child. If the CASA/Volunteer GAL has legal representation there must be a court order that: (1) states the need for the representation; and (2) identifies the attorney being appointed to represent the CASA/Volunteer GAL.

3. Goods

- **Supplies**
 - Actual Costs - Supplies should be necessary for the CASA/Volunteer GAL program and may include consumable supplies.
 - Costs Allocated by Internal Administrative Rate - Supplies may be allocated, but an internal administrative rate must be documented and approved by the court administrator. This internal administrative rate must be documented with the formula used to determine the rate. Documentation must be on file and available to AOC and State Auditor.

4. Equipment

- Actual Costs – Any major purchase must be approved by AOC Project Manager prior to purchase. Major purchase is defined as purchase of an item where the cost is greater than \$500 or where the service/maintenance period on the equipment is greater than one year and could exceed \$500 in total maintenance costs. Vehicle and other high cost items are not allowable purchases, however, periodic use of and billing from a centralized motor pool is allowable.
- The purchase of printers and laptops is allowable within the existing contract allocation as long as the equipment is only provided to perform CASA/Volunteer GAL program work.
- Costs Allocated by an Internal Administrative Rate – Equipment costs may be allocated, but reimbursement request must be documented by an internal administrative rate specific to the court and approved by the court administrator. The internal administrative rate documentation must be on file and available to AOC and State Auditor.

5. Training

- Reimbursement for attending the annual WACAP program (or CASA program depending on the court's affiliation) and the Children's Justice Conference is provided, not to exceed the published AOC travel and per diem rates. Any other paid training program where attendee is seeking reimbursement must be pre-approved, in writing, by the AOC Project Manager in advance of the training.

6. Travel

- Travel/Expense Vouchers from staff or volunteers for travel expense reimbursement for child, witness, parent, or other interviews related to a case filed with the court to which volunteer or CASA/Volunteer GAL program staff was assigned. CASA/Volunteer GAL program staff or volunteer may also be reimbursed for travel to and from the annual WACAP program (or CASA program depending on the court's affiliation) and the Children's Justice Conference. Travel expenses to any other training programs must be pre-approved, in writing, by the AOC Project Manager, and reimbursement is limited to the published AOC travel and per diem rates.

CASA/Volunteer GAL Program Allocation Process

Each biennium, an appropriation is provided by the Legislature to the AOC for child advocate program costs as reported by the courts.

Allocation of the funding is based on caseload data from each county for active DEP cases per year. The caseload includes the following activity docket codes:

DEPENDENCY PETITION

DEPENDENCY REVIEW HEARING

DEPENDENCY REVIEW HEARING ORDER

DISMISSAL HEARING

DISPOSITION HEARING-USE FOR CASETYPE 7 CASES ONLY

FACT FINDING HEARING

FACT-FINDING AND DISPOSITION HEARING

FIRST DEPENDENCY REVIEW HEARING

FIRST DEPENDENCY REVIEW HEARING ORDER

ORDER OF DEPENDENCY

ORDER OF DISMISSALS

ORDER OF DISPOSITION

ORDER OF DISPOSITION ON DEPENDENCY

ORDER ON REVIEW HEARING

PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING

PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING ORDER

PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

REVIEW HEARING

SHELTER CARE HEARING: CONTESTED

SHELTER CARE HEARING: UNCONTESTED

SHELTER CARE ORDERS

ORDER OF CONTINUANCES

GENERAL ORDER CODE

The AOC Comptroller maintains an allocation spreadsheet (model) that utilizes this caseload data to create a percentage of total statewide filings for each county, based on a moving average of three-year filings of each case type.

After updated DEP data is collected, the data is loaded into the model which in turn uses a formula to create the statewide percentages by county. The percentages are applied to the appropriation amount by fiscal year, thus producing the allocation amounts available to counties.

CASA/VOLUNTEER GAL PROGRAM MONTHLY DETAIL REPORT EXHIBIT B

*Administrative Office of the Courts
(submit monthly with A-19 invoice)*

**COUNTY/COURT
NAME:** _____

MONTH & YEAR: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE

Computer Set-Up _____

CASA/WACAP Membership Dues _____

Total \$ -

STAFF/FTE

Salaries _____

Benefits _____

Total \$ -

**CONTRACTS/
SERVICE DELIVERY**

Advertising _____

Total \$ -

GOODS/SERVICES

- Supplies _____

- Communication (Telephone/Postage) _____

- Other (Computer/Licenses) _____

Total \$ -

TRAVEL

- Mileage _____

- Per Diem _____

- Other (Registrations fees) _____

Total \$ -

GRAND TOTAL

\$ -

CASA/Volunteer GAL Program Bi-Annual Report to AOC

Court/Program Name:	
Contract Number:	
Reporting Period: (i.e. Jan-June or July-Dec 20XX)	
Person Reporting:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Today's Date:	

Filing Data	
1. Number of dependency petitions filed during the reporting period.	
2. Number of children with a dependency petition filed during the reporting period who were appointed a CASA/Volunteer GAL.	
3. Number of children with a dependency petition filed during the reporting period who were appointed a staff or compensated GAL.	
4. Number of children with a dependency petition filed during the reporting period who were appointed an attorney.	
5. Number of children with a dependency petition filed during the reporting period without representation.	
Cumulative Data	
1. Total number of children with a CASA/Volunteer GAL at the beginning of the reporting period.	
2. Total number of children with a CASA/Volunteer GAL at the end of the reporting period.	
3. Total number of children with a staff or compensated GAL at the beginning of the reporting period.	
4. Total number of children with a staff or compensated GAL at the end of the reporting period.	
5. Total number of children with an attorney at the beginning of the reporting period (Pursuant to RCW 13.34.100).	
6. Total number of children with an attorney at the end of the reporting period.	
7. Total number of children without any representation at the beginning of the reporting period.	
8. Total number of children without any representation at the end of the reporting period.	
Fiscal and Staff Data	
1. % of total program budget supported by state funds (excluding federal court improvement funds).	
2. % of total program budget supported by county funds (maintenance of effort).	
3. Number of program managers and/or volunteer coordinators (total full or partial FTEs).	
4. Number of administrative staff (total full or partial FTEs).	
5. Number of active volunteers.	

Return completed report to Christopher.Staniev@courts.wa.gov

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