

IN THE PEARL MUNICIPAL YOUTH COURT OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE INTEREST OF _____

NO. _____

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

This cause came on for the need for the appointment of a guardian ad litem and the Court FINDS and ORDERS as follows:

1. The Rankin County Guardian Ad Litem Program is hereby authorized to designate a duly certified person to act as Guardian Ad Litem ("GAL") on behalf of the above-named child(ren).
2. Upon presentation of this Order to any agency, hospital, organization, school, person or office including the Clerk of this Court, Department of Human Services, human service agencies, pediatricians, psychologists, psychiatrists, and law enforcement agencies, the aforementioned shall permit the GAL to inspect and/or copy any records relating to the child(ren) without consent by the child(ren) or his/her/their parents.
3. The GAL shall maintain any information received from any such source as confidential, and shall not disclose the same except in reports to this Court and other parties to this cause.
4. The GAL shall, upon presentation of this Order, have full access to all evidence and reports introduced during the proceedings.
5. The GAL may interview witnesses.
6. The GAL shall be noticed and have the right to appear at any hearings, interviews, investigations, depositions, or other proceedings concerning the child(ren), and no proceedings shall take place unless the GAL is accompanying the child(ren).
7. The GAL shall be informed of all placement of the child(ren) and shall be a party to any agreement or plan entered into on behalf of the child(ren).
8. The GAL shall serve as an arm of the court – to investigate, find facts, and make an independent report to the court and no confidential relationship exists between the GAL and the child(ren).
9. The GAL shall make recommendations to the court after investigating the allegations before the court, processing the information found, and reporting a summary of all material information to the court, including any information which may not support the recommendation.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, this the ____ day of _____, 20__.

John Shirley, Youth Court Judge