

# Title 26 GAL

## Background Information Record as required by RCW 26.12.175(3)

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I, Amanda Taylor, have the following background, knowledge, training, and experience to be on the **Benton-Franklin Title 26 Guardian ad Litem Registry**:

- A. Highest level of formal education: Masters of Psychology, Child Mental Health Specialist (CMHS) Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- B. General training related to Guardian ad Litem's duties: GAL Certification Trainings 2018, 2016 2015, 2014 & 2013
- C. Specific training related to issues potentially faced by children in dissolution, custody, paternity, and other family law proceedings: Divorced Parenting Seminar @ Lutheran Community Services 2009, 2010, 2011
- D. Specific training or education related to child disability or developmental issues Collaborative Problem Solving; Strengthening Families; Advanced Practices of Wraparound with Intensive Services; Washington CANS assessment; Suicide Intervention Skills Training; PAVE training; GAF scores; Gang Prevention; CPI training; Clinical strategies; HIPPA; De-escalation techniques; working with potentially aggressive youth; Working with Children; Marty Smith trainings.
- E. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem: 6 years
- F. Number of appointments as a Guardian ad Litem [as of today's date] and the county or counties of appointment:
  - a) Number of appointments: 16
  - b) Counties appointed in: 2
- G. I have been previously removed from a Guardian ad Litem registry pursuant to a grievance action:
  - No
  - Yes [Please explain each instance on a page and attach hereto. Include the name of the county, court and cause number(s).]  
N/A
- H. I have founded allegations of abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020:
  - No
  - Yes [Please explain each instance on a page and attach hereto.]  
N/A
- I. A background check is completed annually by Benton/Franklin Counties Superior Court through Washington state patrol criminal identification section.
- J. A statement of my criminal history [as defined in RCW 9.94.A.030] for the period covering ten years prior to this date was supplied to Benton/Franklin Counties Superior Court.
- K. Other information not required by statute:
  - a. I have the following professional licenses or certifications: Agency Affiliated Counselor,

b. I have the following trial experience as a GAL: 4 trials

c. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Amanda Taylor 11/19/19      Amanda Taylor  
Signature & Date                      Printed Name