

Title 26 GAL

Background Information Record as required by RCW 26.12.175(3)

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I, Janet Carey, 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: Some college.
- B. General training related to Guardian ad Litem's duties: 78 hours + practicum to include Strengthening Advocacy Through Quality Report Writing, Ethics and Professional Conduct for Family Law GAL, Law and Legal Process, Family Law GAL investigations, interviewing adults and children, chemical dependency/mental illness, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, cultural competenc, enhancing relationships through teaming, mental health issues in children, previously served as CASA.
- C. Specific training related to issues potentially faced by children in dissolution, custody, paternity, and other family law proceedings: 60+ hours including Adverse Childhood Experiences from ACE to Action help traumatized children, Right Response training, multiple training hours regarding substance abuse, report writing, mental health issues in children and adults, parenting classes, grieving, HIPPA and Privacy training, communication classes. Power of Positive Thinking. Continue to pursue education and knowledge through on-line classes, books or published material regarding family law cases and the effects of conflicts in those cases on children.
- D. Specific training or education related to child disability or developmental issues 45+ hours to include but not limited to Physically Aggressive Youth, Sexually Aggressive Youth, seminars regarding children with ADHD, autism, mental health disorders. Nineteen years of hands on training with special needs and medically fragile children. Involvement with professionals and children with autism specifically.
- E. Number of years' experience as a Guardian ad Litem: 7
- 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: approx 94
 - b) Counties appointed in: Benton, Franklin
- 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).]
- 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.]

- 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: _____
 - b. I have the following trial experience as a GAL: 8 trials and 1 arbitration
 - c. Other: _____

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

Janet R. Carey 1/26/21 Janet Carey
Signature & Date Printed Name