



Community Agency Resource *Local Nonprofit Agencies*

Legal Services

Guardian Ad Litem Program

www.guardianadlitem2.org

The mission of the State of Florida Guardian Ad Litem Program (GAL) is to advocate for the best interests of children who are alleged to be abused, abandoned, or neglected and who are involved in court proceedings.

Legal Services of North Florida

www.lsnf.org/

Legal Services of North Florida delivers legal services to those unable to afford paying representation in civil legal matters. A wide variety of both lay and professional volunteers assist to help meet legal service needs of the poor in fourteen Panhandle Counties in Florida. Several volunteer opportunities exist to get experience in the legal environment. Please call for a listing.

Leon County Teen Court Program

www.leoncountyfl.gov/teencourt/

This is a system of court proceedings for first time juvenile offenders where teenage students preside as officers of the court to conduct the hearing and sentencing. High school students volunteer to act as lawyers, bailiffs, clerks and jurors. The only adult involved in the hearing is the judge. The defendant is sentenced according to the judgement of the teen court jury.

Office of Public Guardian, Inc.

www.bigbendopg.org

The primary purpose of the Office of Public Guardians, Inc. is to act as the legal guardian for persons with mental and/or physical disabilities who have been adjudicated by a court as incapable of managing their own affairs and who have no family or other persons willing to act as legal guardian. The only objective of our service is to provide for the best interest and well-being of our wards.

Office of the Attorney General

myfloridalegal.com/internship

Bureau of Criminal Justice program provides comprehensive training on crime prevention initiatives, school based office programs, victim services and related criminal justice areas. Bureau administers the Florida Motor Vehicle theft prevention authority, convenience business security act and publishes the domestic violence cellular telephone program guide.

The Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association

www.tallahasseebar.org/aid.php

The Legal Aid Foundation provides direct legal services to indigent citizens of Leon County. All legal services are provided voluntarily by members of the Tallahassee Bar Association (TBA), as well as non-TBA attorneys, who wish to provide volunteer legal services. These attorneys are in both private practice and government service. A different attorney serves in the Legal Aid office each day and will see up to four clients. Appointments are scheduled between 9am - 12 pm or 2 pm-5pm. Additionally, LAF refers clients directly to an attorney's office if the attorney chooses this option, but the LAF staff still provides the intake services and follow-up on each case.