



# THE SUPREME COURT of OHIO JUDICIAL COLLEGE

## Ohio Guardian ad Litem Education Program

### Understanding Child Protective Services to be a More Effective Advocate

#### Course Dates

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**  
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
*Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.*

#### Location:

Quest Conference Center  
8405 Pulsar Place  
Columbus, Ohio 43240  
614.540.5540

#### Who Should Attend

This course is open to guardians ad litem who have successfully completed a Pre-Service course.

#### Credit Hours

Continuing Legal Education  
General CLE—3.0 hours

Continuing Professional  
Education  
CSWMFTB—3.0 hours

#### Tuition—Free

#### Cancellation

If you cannot attend, please  
notify us by **December 2, 2011**.

**Course Description.** Faculty will lead this interactive course with the goal of demystifying Child Protective Services (CPS), understanding child abuse and neglect, and approaching permanency needs while sharing practical suggestions for GALs to strive to make decisions in the best interests of children.

By participating in this three hour session, GAL's will be better prepared to:

- Define child abuse and neglect, safety, risk, and contributing factors. Explain the types of assessments and treatments available.
- Provide a foundation for understanding the services provided by CPS, the goals at each stage of a case, and what drives the various approaches and priorities of a Public Children Services Agency (PCSA).
- Create a permanency based perspective for understanding how decisions and communications today influence outcomes and well-being of children, families, and communities generations from now.

**Faculty.** *Holly Davies, Esq.*—Pitinii, Davies & Cazantzes, LLC  
*Connie Porter*—Former Social Services Supervisor,  
Stark County Department of Jobs & Family Services

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**Enrollment is limited, please only register for one course per calendar year.**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Judicial College staff at 614.387.9445.

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