

A Call for Collaboration Between Guardians ad Litem and Family Systems Therapists

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Freeport Public Library

Workshop on April 24: 1 to 4 p.m.

\$30 Registration fee

Chocolates and Tea included in price of registration

3 CLE's and CEU's applied for

Description of workshop:

This workshop presents a paradigm of Family Systems Therapist – GAL collaboration in addressing high conflict family law situations with the objective of preventing contested hearings or ameliorating their contentiousness. Lessening conflict between parents is essential to the future well-being of children.

Preparation for workshop:

Each participant is asked to bring one clinical-legal conundrum involving a therapist and GAL which can be presented in less than five minutes.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the workshop, each participant will be able to:

- Identify situations where collaboration between family systems therapists and GALs would be beneficial to children and parents
- Articulate family systems theory principles and major concepts
- Discuss elements of collaboration between family systems therapists and GALs, including the following: communication, time constraints
- Demonstrate an understanding of why this collaboration is more important than ever as well as more challenging to do given the changing GAL rules, standards, and statutes
- Review cases (presented by participants) from a collaborative perspective, using tools and techniques presented earlier in the workshop

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