

# Guardian Ad Litem Statewide Convening

August 27, 2021

**12:30 p.m. EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY IN CHILD WELFARE CASES**

Session will discuss practice tips on advocating for children in child welfare cases.

*Presented by Stephanie Tabashneck, PsyD, J.D.*

**1:00 p.m. ADVOCATING FOR SCHOOL STABILITY**

This session will cover the basics of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and pertinent issues for school age children in foster care.

*Presented by Amphay Champathong, First Circuit CASA Program, Program Manager*

**1:30 p.m. EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY: IMPROVING PRACTICE AND SHARING RESOURCES TO EFFECTUATE DESIRED OUTCOMES RELATING TO THE SAFETY, PERMANENCY, AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.**

This segment builds upon the innovative work of GALs in Hawaii. GALs throughout the state will share examples of advocacy beyond the GAL's typical role established in the court's order of appointment. This section is designed to enhance a GAL's toolkit by sharing resources and innovative approaches to tackle the many barriers that may arise in pursuing the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in foster care.

*Facilitated by Michelle Moorhead, Managing Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Family Law Division.*

**2:30 p.m. PAU!**

Handouts from the conference will be posted at [www.ittakesanohana.org](http://www.ittakesanohana.org) → [\\_Handouts](#) → [Factsheets/Conference Handouts](#) → [2021Annual Child Welfare Law Update](#) → [GAL Convening](#)

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