

## CASA/GAL Volunteer Interview with Child (1 of 2)

*Although you wish to gather information from the child, it is important to build rapport first and not bombard him/her with questions. Make it more of a conversation that takes place over several visits.*

Name of Child:	Date and Time:
Place of Interview:	CASA/GAL Volunteer:
Placement Phone #:	Case Name:
Name of Interviewer:	File #:

1. The child's feelings about . . .

- This placement:
  
- Whether he/she feels safe here:
  
- His/her sibling(s):
  
- Being separated from his/her parent(s):
  
- Visitation and telephone contact with parent(s) and sibling(s):

2. The child's interests/hobbies/friends: *(to establish strengths and to discover ways to support the child and normalize his/her experience in care)*

3. This child has already discussed the allegations in the petition with the following persons: *(It is not the CASA/GAL volunteer's role to reinterview the child about those allegations unless the child wants to discuss them—and even then proceed cautiously because the child may have already been traumatized by multiple interviews, and/or there may be criminal matters pending.)*

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4. Unsolicited, the child provided the following additional information about the underlying allegations:

5. The child would like the following needs to be addressed or options to be explored:

6. The other people living in this home are:

7. The child's sleeping arrangements are:

8. The child's after-school arrangements are:

9. The child has medical or mental health needs that are being addressed by:

10. The child's primary caretaker provided the following information about the child:

- Sleeping habits:
  
- Eating habits:
  
- Interactions with other family members:
  
- School performance and attitude toward school:
  
- Other:

11. Other relatives or family friends who might be resources on this case are:

12. My observations about this child are: