

CASA GAL or GAL Survey

Thank you for taking the time to tell us your thoughts about the experience in court for children and youth. Your feedback is very important. Please complete the survey ASAP *after debriefing* the child/youth following the hearing. Complete this survey only for abuse/neglect dispositional, review, permanency and post-permanency hearings that the child/youth attended or could have attended. Everyone completes the first page, no matter if the child/youth attended the hearing or not. However, complete the 2nd page only if the child/youth attended the hearing. Also, if there is more than 1 child in the family, please do your best to estimate the overall experience of the siblings. Youth can watch the video, “*Court...I’m Going*,” at <http://vimeo.com/graniteriver/children-in-court>

You are strongly encouraged to complete this survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CIPNH-GAL> . If you prefer to complete this survey on paper, please fill this out and return it to: NH Court Improvement Project, c/o Circuit Court Administrative Office, 45 Chenell Drive, Suite 2, Concord, NH 03301-8541.

Directions: Write, check the box (☑) or circle the answer for the items below.

1. Are you a CASA GAL or GAL? CASA GAL GAL
2. Please write the date of the hearing: _____
3. At which court did you attend the hearing?

<input type="checkbox"/> Berlin	<input type="checkbox"/> Conway	<input type="checkbox"/> Hillsborough	<input type="checkbox"/> Lancaster	<input type="checkbox"/> Nashua	<input type="checkbox"/> Rochester
<input type="checkbox"/> Brentwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Derry	<input type="checkbox"/> Hooksett	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon	<input type="checkbox"/> Newport	<input type="checkbox"/> Salem
<input type="checkbox"/> Candia	<input type="checkbox"/> Dover	<input type="checkbox"/> Jaffrey/Peter	<input type="checkbox"/> Littleton	<input type="checkbox"/> Ossipee	<input type="checkbox"/> Seabrook
<input type="checkbox"/> Claremont	<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin	borough	<input type="checkbox"/> Manchester	<input type="checkbox"/> Plaislow	
<input type="checkbox"/> Colebrook	<input type="checkbox"/> Goffstown	<input type="checkbox"/> Keene	<input type="checkbox"/> Merrimack	<input type="checkbox"/> Portsmouth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Concord	<input type="checkbox"/> Haverhill	<input type="checkbox"/> Laconia	<input type="checkbox"/> Milford	<input type="checkbox"/> Plymouth	

4. Did the child/youth attend the hearing?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	➔	3a. If no, why not? (check all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/> 169-C order of protection or other no contact order with parent(s) <input type="checkbox"/> School/activity conflict <input type="checkbox"/> Youth(s) chose not to attend <input type="checkbox"/> Youth(s) was not invited to attend <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation not available <input type="checkbox"/> Court sustained a party objection to attendance by child/youth <input type="checkbox"/> I don’t know <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			

5. What is/are the age(s) of the child(ren)/youth? (check all that apply) 0-4 5-13 14-20

Circle the answer that best reflects your knowledge for each statement below.	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	DOES NOT APPLY
6. I gave the judges’ invitation letter to the child/youth (circle NA if child already received letter before).	Y	N	DK	NA
7. I spent time preparing the child/youth for court prior to attending the hearing.	Y	N	DK	NA
8. The child/youth watched the video “ <i>Court...I’m Going</i> ”.	Y	N	DK	NA
9. The child/youth submitted a letter, drawing or photograph to the judge for this hearing.	Y	N	DK	NA
10. I debriefed the child/youth after attending the court hearing.	Y	N	DK	NA
11. Please write any additional comments you have about the above items and the use of the <i>Protocols Relative to Children and Youth in Court, RSA 169-C Child Protection</i> .				



PART II: COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF CHILD/YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN COURT

Circle the answer reflecting your opinion about the experience of the child/youth with court.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Does Not Apply
12. The child/youth was encouraged to attend the court hearing or "otherwise participate" by submitting a letter, drawing or photograph.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
13. The child/youth felt supported in their decision to attend the court hearing or "otherwise participate" by submitting a letter, drawing or photograph.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
14. Receiving a letter from the judge (even if it was given at a prior hearing) encouraged the child/youth to attend the hearing.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
15. The child/youth knew what to expect before going to court.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
16. The child/youth felt comfortable going through the security process at court.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
17. The child/youth felt comfortable in court (waiting area, courtroom or judge's office).	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
18. The judge spent time at the outset of the hearing making the child/youth feel welcome and comfortable.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
19. The child/youth felt the judge was interested in hearing from him/her.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
20. The judge made the child/youth feel comfortable in court.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
21. The child/youth felt comfortable answering the judge's questions.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
22. It was uncomfortable for the child/youth to talk to the judge in front of everyone in the court hearing.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
23. The child/youth was given a chance to tell the judge about him/herself and their life.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
24. The child/youth wished he/she had told the judge more.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
25. The child/youth understood what happened at court.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA
26. The child/youth felt good about deciding to go to court.	SA	A	D	SD	DK	NA

27. Did the child/youth speak to the judge during the hearing?
 Yes No: If no, why not? (specify) _____
28. If the child/youth only attended some of the hearing, why?
 The child/youth didn't want to attend the entire hearing
 The court sustained a party objection to attendance by child/youth
 Other, please specify: _____
 Does not apply (i.e. child/youth attended entire hearing)
29. Did the child/youth speak to the judge outside the hearing in his/her office (such as after the hearing or on a different day from the hearing)?
 Yes No I don't know

30. Please share any additional observations or perceptions you have about the child/youth's experience in court:

Thank you for completing this survey!