

[Training for Guardians \*ad litem\* \(GALs\) and Court Appointed Special Advocates \(CASAs\).](#)

In October of 2008, the Federal Government enacted the provisions of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act. This resulted in an expansion of the training program for Title IV-E to include training for guardians *ad litem* (GALs) and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). The reimbursement is for certain short-term training of current and prospective relative guardians and for court and related personnel, including attorneys, who handle child abuse and neglect cases. The bill sets the federal matching rate at 55% in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009, rising annually by 5% until it reaches 75% in FFY 2013. The Office of Families and Children, Title IV-E Administration Unit, revised all related documentations to include language to that effect. The Sub grant agreements between ODJFS, the Juvenile Courts and the County Commissioners and all related forms such as the Quarterly Billing JFS 01794, Juvenile Court Random Moment Sample Time Study Process (JCRMS) 01794 and the JCRMS Instructions JFS 01797I were revised to include the changes.

Family, Children, and Adult Services Procedure Letter (FCASPL) No. 187 was added to the ODFJS e-manual and details the changes. If you have subscribed to this manual, you should have received an automatic e-mail message that this took place. If not, following is the direct link to FCASPL No. 187.

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Please note, that the Quarterly Billing, form JFS 01797, includes a form for each respective period (5 periods) of rate increases in regards to the GALs/CASAs 5 year phase-in. You might want to download the form to your desktop, and when using the form, make sure you are using the correct tab corresponding to the quarter you are billing us for.

Example:

Use the 1797 form with the 55% (beige) 10/1/08 tab for the period prior to September 30, 2009  
*(Claims for GALs/CASAs are not permitted prior to October 1, 2008)*

Use the 60% 10/01/2009 yellow tab for the period from October 1, 2009-September 30, 2010  
Use the 65% 10/01/2010 blue tab for the period from October 1, 2010-September 30, 2011  
Use the 70% 10/01/2011 green tab for the period from October 1, 2011-September 30, 2012  
Use the 75% 10/01/2012 violet tab for the period beginning October 1, 2012 and going forward