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RALEIGH — April is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of safe, supportive environments for all children. In a [new episode of All Things Judicial: Beyond the Bench](#), the North Carolina Judicial Branch spotlights the NC Guardian ad Litem Program and its vital role in advocating for children involved in the state's foster care system.

The episode features conversations with three leaders from the Guardian ad Litem Program:

- **Carolyn Green, Regional Administrator**
- **Brittany McKinney, Staff Attorney**
- **Matthew Wunsche, Appellate Counsel**

Together, they discuss the urgent need for volunteer child advocates, volunteer attorney advocates, and interns to support the growing need of abused and neglected children in North Carolina's court system.

"When I came over to Guardian ad Litem I learned that so many children are under the radar while in the court system," said Green on the podcast. "I hope that people will give of their time and make a difference in a life. When you commit until a child gets back to a safe, permanent home, you can't beat that feeling."

The episode serves as both a call to action and an informative look into how volunteers can support the best interests of children experiencing abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

To learn more about becoming a Guardian ad Litem volunteer or intern, visit [volunteerforgal.org](http://volunteerforgal.org).

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### About North Carolina Judicial Branch

The [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#) is an equal and distinctively separate branch and core function of government. The 7,600 Judicial Branch employees statewide administer justice in courthouses in North Carolina's 100 counties. The [Judicial Branch budget for FY 2023–24](#) was \$750.7M, 90.9% of which is used to pay salaries and 9.1% is used for operations. The Judicial Branch receives 2.53% of the overall State budget.

### About North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

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