

11 Year Old Girl Receives CDEL Advocate and Flourishes as a Result

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Client is an 11-year old girl who was hospitalized on June 13, 2005 at the Chicago Lake Shore Hospital psych unit. She suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome stemming from multiple sexual assaults committed by her father when she was 5 & 6 years old.

As a result of the post-traumatic stress, Client threatened to kill her classmates, teachers, and social workers by stabbing them or cutting off their heads. She made numerous sexual advances to boys on the bus and groped them. She also exposed herself to others.

After the release from the hospital, Client was scheduled to attend 6th grade at ___ Middle School beginning August 24. Client's mother is a wonderful advocate for her daughter and felt that in the right living situation and school situation that her daughter would flourish. Her grades had been declining throughout the year. (For example, she went from a B to a D in Reading and from an A to a C in Science).

The school district proposed that client be placed in a special education class, have an aide assigned to her, and be kept out of gym class. Client's mother did not agree with the IEP and wanted to see her daughter in residential care at the Camelot School in Palatine. Client's mother believed that the school district was apathetic to her daughter's situation and their recommendations would set up her child to go to jail.

CDEL utilized the legal expertise of volunteer attorney, Steven Glink. Mr. Glink, assisted the client, in desired residential care and proper education support through her school. Client's mother reports that her daughter is doing wonderfully in the residential care facility and her grades have skyrocketed! She received all A's and one B this semester.

Client's mother states that her daughter's erratic and quasi-violent behavior has almost entirely disappeared. Her daughter is attending weekly therapy sessions, is working steadily on proper social interaction in school and at her residential facility, and works one on one with a specially trained advocate in her school setting.

Both client and mother are very happy. Client's mother stated that she was thrilled with advocacy she received from the CDEL attorney.

CDEL salutes the hard work and dedication of volunteer attorney Steven Glink!