

## Ann E. Ames

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**From:** Kerry P. Eagan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 8:40 AM  
**To:** Ann E. Ames  
**Subject:** FW: Children's Justice Clinic - Proposal for Contract Amendment  
**Attachments:** CJC Contract\_County 13June2017.pdf

Please use both Michelle's email and the attachment for Item #7.

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**From:** Michelle Paxton <mpaxton@unl.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 3:21 PM  
**To:** Kerry P. Eagan <KEagan@lancaster.ne.gov>; David A. Derbin <DDerbin@lancaster.ne.gov>  
**Subject:** Children's Justice Clinic - Proposal for Contract Amendment

Dave and Kerry,

The Children's Justice Clinic is in the middle of our second year and I am really proud of the work students are doing in their cases! First, thank you for all the time and energy involved to develop our first contract (see attached). I am reaching out to see if the County Board would consider amending our contract to allow the CJC be appointed as the GAL in crossover cases. We have had a few cases this year where we are appointed in the abuse/neglect case but then another attorney is appointed as the juvenile's GAL in their pending law violation. Unfortunately, I did not consider this possibility when we drafted our contract. For the few cases this applies, having the CJC continue as the GAL in the law violation would be beneficial for many reasons as it would not duplicate services or fees and would minimize confusion to children and families. Is it possible to amend our agreement to allow this option? I mentioned this to the Juvenile Court Administrator, Theresa Emmert, and she believes the Judges would support this amendment.

Please let me know if an in-person meeting to discuss this would be most helpful.

Kind regards,  
Michelle



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