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I've seen cases played out where a child had no GAL and was consenting to a legal contract by simply nodding their head yes. This child was under 5 years old. Often in dependency whether it's refugee or typical dependency proceedings it can be as few as 1 court appointed counsel

For the parent. The Gal and the county counsel are always gonna stretch for adjudication also the parents court appointed is only paid if a case is substantiated. There is no due process. Parents unknowingly wave rights. Case plans are set up to milk as much recoupable funding and even if the parent completes the case plan if the child is 0-4 the goal will quietly always intended to be adoption. Concurrent planning more often then not puts more efforts into adoption then into reunification