

- 1 Page 1-line 2 After "abuse;" insert "providing for civil  
2 proceedings; providing for a guardian ad  
3 litem;".  
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- 5 Page 1-line 8 Delete "and (e)" and insert "through (f) and  
6 14-12-101(a) by creating a new paragraph  
7 (vii)".  
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- 9 Page 2-line 8 Delete "The" and insert "Except as otherwise  
10 provided in subsection (f) of this section,  
11 the".  
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- 13 Page 3-after line 10 Insert:  
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- 15 "(f) Any treatment specified in paragraphs (e)(i) through  
16 (iii) of this section that would otherwise constitute child abuse  
17 under subsection (a) of this section shall not constitute child  
18 abuse under subsection (a) of this section only if a district court  
19 judge authorizes the treatment pursuant to the following:  
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- 21 (i) Civil proceedings shall be initiated in district  
22 court by the child seeking the procedure or drug or the child's  
23 parent or legal guardian for a determination of whether the  
24 procedure or drug is in the best interests of the child. The court  
25 shall appoint a guardian ad litem to investigate and assess whether  
26 the procedure or drug are in the best interests of the child;  
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- 28 (ii) Following a determination by the guardian ad litem,  
29 the court shall hold a hearing to determine whether the procedure  
30 or drug is in the best interest of the child. The child, the  
31 child's parent or legal guardian and the guardian ad litem may  
32 subpoena witnesses to appear and provide testimony at the hearing.  
33 In making a determination the court shall consider:  
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- 35 (A) The recommendation of the guardian ad litem;  
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- 37 (B) The age, living conditions and mental health of  
38 the child, and any other factors the court deems relevant to a  
39 determination of the best interests of the child.  
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- 41 (iii) If, after the hearing, the court finds by clear  
42 and convincing evidence that the procedure or administration of  
43 drugs are in the best interests of the child, the court shall enter  
44 an order authorizing the procedure or administration of drugs;

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2 (iv) The Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure and the Wyoming  
3 Rules of evidence shall apply to all proceedings under this  
4 subsection.

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6 **14-12-101. Office of guardian ad litem; guardian ad litem**  
7 **program; rulemaking; reporting.**

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9 (a) The office of guardian ad litem shall administer a  
10 guardian ad litem program. The program shall employ or contract  
11 with, supervise and manage attorneys providing legal  
12 representation as guardians ad litem in the following cases and  
13 actions:

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15 (vii) Civil proceedings initiated pursuant to W.S. 6-2-  
16 503(f).". KINSKEY