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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	A.M.W., a minor,	No. 2:13-cv-0867 DAD
12	Plaintiff,	
13	v.	<u>ORDER</u>
14	CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Commissioner of Social Security,	
15	of Social Security,	
16	Defendant.	
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18	Plaintiff's mother, proceeding pro se, has filed on behalf of plaintiff a complaint	
19	pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) and a request under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to proceed in forma	
20	pauperis. According to the complaint, however, plaintiff is a minor. Because plaintiff is a minor	
21	this action cannot proceed without the appointment of a guardian ad litem. See FED. R. CIV. PRO.	
22	17(c); see also Watson v. County of Santa Clara, 468 F. Supp.2d 1150, 1155 (N.D. Cal. 2007);	
23	E.D. Cal. Local Rule 202.	
24	Moreover, the right to represent oneself pro se is personal to the plaintiff and does	
25	not extend to other parties. Simon v. Hartford Life, Inc., 546 F.3d 661, 664 (9th Cir. 2008);	
26	Russell v. United States, 308 F.2d 78, 79 (9th Cir. 1962) ("A litigant appearing in propria persona	

has no authority to represent anyone other than himself."). Thus, "a parent or guardian cannot

bring an action on behalf of a minor child without retaining a lawyer." Johns v. County of San

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1	<u>Diego</u> , 114 F.3d 874, 877 (9th Cir. 1997). "[I]t is not in the interest of minors that they be	
2	represented by non-attorneys. Where they have claims that require adjudication, they are entitled	
3	to trained legal assistance so their rights may be fully protected." Id. at 876-77 (quoting Osei-	
4	Afriyie v. Medical College, 937 F.2d 876, 882-83 (3d Cir. 1991)). In this regard, plaintiff must	
5	be represented by counsel if this action is to proceed.	
6	Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff shall file a motion for the	
7	appointment of a guardian ad litem and have counsel appear in this action within thirty days of	
8	the date of this order.	
9	Dated: September 28, 2013	
10	Dale A. Dogs	
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12	UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE	
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