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“Volunteers strengthen the court-community partnership by serving as active participants in their communities. They also help to promote public trust and confidence in the court system, which is so very important. Volunteers are vital to our court system.”

Explore Rewarding Court Volunteer Opportunities!

For more information about the programs available in each county and how to apply, visit:

www.njcourts.gov/public/volunteer/volunteer.html

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“Volunteers aren’t paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”

—Sherry Anderson,
Canada

Volunteer Programs Available Statewide

Child Placement Review Board

The Child Placement Review (CPR) program is a key component of the court's role in the oversight of children in foster care. Groups of trained judicial volunteers, appointed by the assignment judge, assist the court in reviewing cases of children placed outside of their homes by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP). A volunteer is assigned to a CPR Board, consisting of about 5 volunteers, to review these cases.

Court Appointed Special Advocates

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program is designed to help monitor abused and neglected children in out-of-home placements.

Juvenile Conference Committee

A JCC is a six to nine member citizen volunteer panel appointed by the Family Division Judge. In a confidential setting, JCC panels hear and decide matters involving alleged juvenile offenders.

Supervised Visitation Program

Specially-trained volunteers and student interns oversee the visits of children and non-custodial parents, to observe interaction between the child/children and parent/guardian and to maintain a safe environment.

Guardianship Monitoring Program

Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) volunteers are appointed and trained to assist the courts with examining documents contained in guardianship files and entering information about the guardianships into the Guardianship Monitoring System (GMS). Volunteers also help obtain current information about incapacitated persons and their guardians and update GMS records.

Municipal Court Mediation

Community members are recruited, screened, and trained as court volunteers to mediate cases of minor dispute. As a neutral party, a mediator helps litigants discuss the issues of their case and explore options to resolve the dispute themselves.

Volunteer Programs, continued

Domestic Violence Court Assistance

Trained court volunteers, under the supervision of court staff, provide general assistance to the Domestic Violence Unit helping to support an efficient complaint filing process as well as a positive courthouse experience for the victim.

Juvenile Auto Theft Prevention

(Essex County ONLY) Community interest groups and trained volunteers educate juvenile offenders about the serious consequences of this crime, an integral part of the program's success.

Types of Volunteer Programs Available within New Jersey

FAMILY COURT SERVICES

CIVIL PRACTICE SERVICES

COMPLEMENTARY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

PROBATION DIVISION SERVICES

COURTHOUSE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

COURT & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteer Programs, continued

Special Civil Part Settlement Programs

Volunteers trained in accordance with Court Rule 1:40-12 work with litigants to resolve their dispute by developing a voluntary agreement that is acceptable to all and without having to go before a judge. Types of Settlements: Landlord/Tenant, Special Civil & Small Claims

Parenting Mediation

Trained volunteers use mediation techniques to assist parents or guardians in developing the parenting plan, particularly in any family action in which the parties do not agree to a custody or parenting time/visitation arrangement.

Courthouse Services Assistance

Volunteers assist court personnel in performing a variety of tasks which facilitate case processing as well as customer service.

Courthouse Visitors Assistance

The Statewide Courthouse Visitors Assistance program allows members of the community to participate in greeting and directing court users (i.e., litigants, attorneys, visitors, etc.) to their proper destination, as well as answer questions and provide assistance both in person or by phone.

Vicinage Advisory Committee on Minority Concerns

Vicines across the state have brought diverse groups of citizen volunteers together with judges, court staff, and other members of the public to examine issues of importance to minorities and other citizens in gaining fair and equitable access to court services and programs.

For more information on any one of these programs, email your county volunteer services liaison.