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Superior Court Seeks Youth Volunteers to Work with Juveniles in Monmouth County

The Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth Vicinage, seeks youth volunteers between the ages of 14 and 17 who are from Monmouth County to serve on one of 31 Juvenile Conference Committees. Young people play a valuable role in the juvenile justice process as volunteers on these committees, which act as a community-based arm of the family court.

The committees meet monthly for approximately two hours in Monmouth County municipalities. A committee is composed of six to nine citizen volunteers appointed by a family division judge to hear and decide matters involving juvenile offenses. The juvenile, parents, or guardians and complainant are invited to discuss the offense and related matters with the committee in a confidential setting. After considering the information presented, the committee makes recommendations to the judge for a resolution that fosters the juvenile's rehabilitation.

Trial Court Administrator Andrew M. Graubard said, "The Monmouth Vicinage looks forward to continued success with recruitment of youth volunteers. Their valuable perspectives have an important impact on the work of our Juvenile Conference Committees."

Parental consent is required for youth volunteers under the age of 18. Applicants are subject to a juvenile record check. Mandatory training provided by the Monmouth Vicinage must be completed prior to service. Youth volunteers could be eligible for community service credit hours based on approval from their high schools.

For more information about the program and application process in Monmouth County, contact the Family Division Juvenile Team at 732-677-4096, monmouthvolunteer.mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us or Monmouth Vicinage, Attention: Volunteer Coordinator, 71 Monument Park, Freehold, NJ 07728.