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## **Essex Vicinage Seeks Volunteers for Child Placement Review Boards**

The Essex Vicinage is seeking citizen volunteers to serve on child placement review (CPR) boards to review the cases of children placed in foster care or residential placement by the state Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

CPR boards ensure that the placement serves the best interest of the child. Board members review case records and plans, interview interested parties and make recommendations to the court.

CPR board members are appointed by the court for a provisional term of one year and could be reappointed for additional three-year terms. Prospective board members must undergo a screening process that includes an application, interview, fingerprinting and criminal background check. Selected volunteers must attend program-specific training and will be asked to sign a confidentiality oath, as these matters are confidential.

CPR boards meet weekly during the workday.

For more information about the program and application process, contact Ral Timah at 973-776-9300, ext. 55784 or [Ral.Timah@njcourts.gov](mailto:Ral.Timah@njcourts.gov).

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