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Hudson Vicinage Seeking Volunteers

The Hudson Vicinage is seeking volunteers to serve on child placement review (CPR) boards and Juvenile Conference Committees (JCC) as well as in the Domestic Violence Court Assistance Program and in its Supervised Visitation Program.

CPR board members monitor the cases of children placed in foster care or residential placements to ensure that the placement serves the best interests of the child. Board members review case records and plans, interview interested parties and make recommendations to the court.

JCC members hear cases involving alleged minor offenders and make recommendations to a family court judge for a resolution that will help with the juvenile's rehabilitation.

Members of the Supervised Visitation Program are specially trained volunteers and student interns who oversee the visits of children and non-custodial parents to observe interaction between the children and adults and to maintain a safe environment during these visits.

The Domestic Violence Court Assistance Program provides 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.

The primary goal of the court's volunteer program is to strengthen the court-community partnership and to enhance the public's confidence in the court system through direct participation of community members.

Court volunteers are screened to safeguard the integrity of the court, trained through orientation and program-specific instruction and supported by a designated program coordinator. They are offered continuing education opportunities to support their ongoing volunteer experience and personal growth.

All volunteers are appointed by the court for a provisional term of one year and could be reappointed for additional three-year terms. Prospective volunteers must undergo a screening process that includes an application, interview, fingerprinting and criminal background check. Youth volunteer applicants to JCCs are not subject to fingerprinting and criminal background checks.

For more information about these programs and the application process, contact Rosanne Lomolino at 201-795-6793 or Rosanne.Lomolino@njcourts.gov.

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