

VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

AGENCY: Douglas County Citizen Review Board

VOLUNTEER TITLE: Citizen Review Board Member

- I. DESCRIPTION:
 - A. Serves on a local citizen review board, composed of five members appointed by the court.
 - B. Child in Need of Care (CINC) board member reviews and makes recommendations regarding cases of children in foster care.
 - C. Juvenile Offender (JO) board member reviews and makes recommendations regarding cases of juveniles adjudicated (found guilty) of criminal offenses.

- II. PURPOSE OF THE BOARD:
 - A. To review each month juvenile cases as assigned by the court.
 - B. To make recommendations to the juvenile court judge.
 1. CINC: To facilitate a permanent home for every child.
 2. JO: With aim of reducing the re-offense rate of juvenile offenders by facilitating rehabilitation through appropriate service/sanctions and community monitoring.
 - C. To provide follow-up and/or advocacy on reviewed cases as appropriate.

- III. DUTIES OF EACH BOARD MEMBER:
 - A. Accept appointment for a two-year, renewable term, but commit to one year of service at a time.
 - B. Participate in initial training and four hours of ongoing training per year after appointment.
 - C. Review materials received for each case before time of the board hearing.
 - D. Attend reviews on assigned day.
 - E. Participate in fact-finding review by questioning family members, caseworker, therapist, school personnel, foster or group home parents, and other interested parties including (for JO's) the child, probation or community corrections officer, and attorneys.
 - F. Participate in developing recommendations and reporting them in written form to the Court.
 - F. Keep confidential all information reviewed by the board, its actions, and recommendations.
 - G. Participate in follow-up and/or advocacy on reviewed cases as appropriate.

- IV. QUALIFICATIONS:
 - A. Interest in children.
 - B. Absence of employment conflicts of interest, that is, not employed by the District Court, Social & Rehabilitation Services (for CINC's), or Juvenile Justice Authority (for JO's).
 - C. Douglas County resident.
 - D. Ability to maintain an objective attitude.
 - E. Ability to work within a small group; comfortable leading group discussions and speaking in front of others.
 - F. Capacity for responsible decision-making.
 - G. Willingness to do follow-up and/or advocacy as appropriate.