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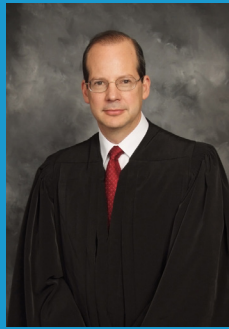
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*“Volunteers strengthen the court-community partnership by serving as active participants in their communities. They also help to promote public trust and confidence in the court system, which is so very important. Volunteers are vital to our court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

## 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 volunteers, appointed by the assignment judge, assist the court to review cases of children placed outside of their homes by the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). A volunteer is assigned to a CPR board, consisting of about five volunteers, to review these cases.

### Court Appointed Special Advocates

The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program monitors abused and neglected children in out-of-home placements.

### Juvenile Conference Committee

A Juvenile Conference Committee (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 to examine documents contained in guardianship files and enter 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

### Domestic Violence Court Assistance

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

### Juvenile Auto Theft Prevention

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

**Note: This program is offered only in Essex County.**

## Types of Volunteer Programs Available in New Jersey

FAMILY COURT SERVICES

CIVIL PRACTICE SERVICES

COMPLEMENTARY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

PROBATION DIVISION SERVICES

COURTHOUSE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

COURT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Volunteer Programs

### Special Civil Part Settlement Programs

Volunteers work with litigants to resolve disputes by developing a voluntary agreement that is acceptable to all and without having to go before a judge. Types of cases include landlord/tenant, special civil and small claims.

### Parenting Mediation

Trained volunteers use mediation techniques to help parents or guardians develop a 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 help court staff perform a variety of tasks that facilitate case processing and customer service.

### Courthouse Visitors Assistance

The Statewide Courthouse Visitors Assistance program allows members of the community to participate in greeting and directing court users, such as litigants, attorneys and visitors, to their destinations, answer questions and provide assistance 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 members of the public to examine issues of importance to minorities and other citizens to gain fair and equitable access to court services and programs.

**For more information about these programs, email your county volunteer services liaison. Contact information can be found on the back of this brochure.**

