

The Davidson County Foster Care Review Board Program is a cooperative effort between the Juvenile Court, State agencies who hold custodial rights of dependent children, and the Nashville community. There are approximately 500 children in State custody in Davidson County on any given day and each of these children must have periodic foster care reviews conducted pursuant to State and Federal law. Due to this volume and the belief that citizens are a vital community resource, a significant portion of these reviews are conducted by citizen volunteer boards with technical assistance provided by the Court and the Tennessee Department of Children's Services.



If you have the time and interests to assure that the needs of dependent children are met in Davidson County, this program is for you!

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Nashville's Juvenile Justice Center, located at 100 Woodland Street, houses 14 foster care review boards. Each board is comprised of 10-12 members who review approximately 10 cases each month. Each board is scheduled at a set time each month and different meeting times are available.

These citizens represent a cross section of our community and are interested in the welfare of Nashville's children. Board members will receive a training manual along with yearly and periodic training. Due to the sensitive nature of these proceedings, members must agree to take an oath of confidentiality and abide by a code of conduct. There is support for board members both from the Court and DCS.

Purpose of the boards:

- A. To thoroughly review each month's cases of children in out of home placements
- B. To make recommendations to the Court and to custodial agencies that will facilitate a permanent home for every child

Duties of board members:

- Agree to serve a two year term
- Participate in an orientation training program and ongoing training as offered
- Review materials received on each case prior to the board
- Attend reviews monthly as assigned
- Participate in a fact-finding review by questioning caseworker, family members, and other interested parties
- Participate in developing a summary of findings and recommendations
- Keep confidential all information reviewed

Whether you are a social worker, parent, attorney, accountant, grandparent, teacher, nurse, student, or someone who just wants to help - you can be a part of the Foster Care Review Board program.

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BOARD MEMBERS ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE....



the court or board shall determine the safety of the child, the necessity and appropriateness of continued foster care placement, assess the compliance of all parties to the statement of responsibilities, determine the extent of progress in alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating placement in foster care and in achieving the goals contained in the permanency plan, and project a likely date on which the goal of the plan will be achieved.

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*If you are 21 years of age or older
and would like to receive an
application or further information*



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Juvenile Court of Nashville Davidson County Foster Care Review Board

Overview



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