

Foster Care Review Board

Mission

The Foster Care Review Board of Hamilton County Juvenile Court comprises screened and trained community volunteers appointed by the presiding Juvenile Court Judge to review cases involving children placed in foster care. The Board's primary goal is to protect these children from needless and prolonged out-of-home placements.

PROCEDURES:

The Foster Care Review Board examines each child's case 90 days after the initial placement in foster care and at a minimum of every 6 months thereafter. During each review, the Board evaluates the following issues:

- The safety and well-being of the child
- The necessity and appropriateness of continued foster care placement
- The extent of progress in achieving the goals listed in the permanency plan
- The compliance of all parties with the statement of responsibilities
- The projected date on which the permanency goal will be achieved

After each evaluation, the Board documents its findings, opinions, and suggestions in a summary report which the Judge or magistrate will see at the child's next scheduled court hearing. If there are serious concerns or problems that require immediate attention, the Board can relay these to the Judge or a magistrate with a separate form.

TIME COMMITMENT:

The Foster Care Review Board consists of six panels. Each volunteer meets with their panel one morning or afternoon (approximately 2-3 hours) on the first Tuesday of each month.