

BECOME A CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD MEMBER

CRB Legislative Mandate

The New Mexico Child Abuse and Neglect Citizen Review Board (CRB) was legislatively created in 1983 “to provide a permanent system for independent and objective monitoring of children placed in the custody of the Children, Youth and Families Department.”

CRB fulfills its mandate through the efforts of more than 160 volunteers, with the assistance of staff, reviewing cases of children in state’s custody and making recommendations to the judge presiding over the case.

Questions of a child in custody:



**WHY AM
I LEAVING
HOME?**

**WHERE
IS MY
FAMILY?**

**WHAT DID I DO WRONG
FOR THIS TO BE
HAPPENING TO ME?**

**WHEN IS MY MOM
GOING TO PICK ME
UP?**

**WHO IS GOING
TO LOVE ME
NOW?**

QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE:

Who is qualified to be a volunteer?

- Volunteers come from all walks of life, all economic and educational backgrounds.
- Volunteers have one thing in common; a commitment to ensuring that the child welfare system protects children, creates permanency, and maximizes the child's well-being.

What do volunteers do?

- Volunteers serve on boards in their local community.
- The board reviews individual cases of children in the foster care system. After hearing from interested parties that are involved in the child's case the board makes recommendations that are sent to the Judge who is hearing the case.

Where and when do the boards meet?

- Each board meets once a month on a regular weekday.
- The reviews are held at the local Children, Youth and Families Department Office.

What are the expectations of a board member?

- Commitment to one weekday per month for the board meeting, remaining for the entire schedule of cases.
- A few hours preparation/reading (at your leisure/in your home) prior to the board meeting to review case materials. Access to a computer and internet in order to electronically receive information on cases to be reviewed.
- Confidentiality regarding the cases reviewed (please do not discuss any cases with anyone outside the CRB process)
- Attend required training.
 - New Members Training is offered three times a year in Albuquerque. New members have six months to complete this training. Mileage to training is paid and if distance warrants, motel rooms will be provided.
 - Ongoing members are required to complete ten units of training each year. Training is done through training modules done at home, books, videos - local, regional and statewide trainings provided by CRB and others.
- Fairness, objectivity and the ability to make impartial recommendations regarding a child's future.

BOARD CITY AND COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS:

BOARD	MEETING CITY	COUNTY(IES)
1	Clovis	Curry
2	Albuquerque	Bernalillo - West/Adoptions & Torrance
3	Albuquerque	Bernalillo - East
4	Albuquerque	Bernalillo - West/Adoptions
5	Albuquerque	Bernalillo - East
6	Albuquerque	Bernalillo - East
8	Albuquerque	Bernalillo - West/Adoptions
9	Farmington	San Juan (alternates with #30)
10	Las Cruces	Dona Ana
11	Deming	Luna
12	Rio Rancho	Sandoval
13	Roswell	Chaves
14	Carlsbad	Eddy
15	Hobbs	Lea
16	Alamogordo	Otero
17	Gallup	McKinley
18	T or C	Sierra
19	Taos	Taos
20	Las Vegas	San Miguel/Guadalupe/Mora
21	Raton	Colfax / Union
22	Roswell	Chaves
23	Grants	Cibola
24	Socorro	Socorro / N. Catron
26	Silver City	Grant / Hidalgo / S. Catron
27	Los Lunas	Valencia
28	Tucumcari	Quay / De Baca / Harding
29	Albuquerque	Bernalillo - East
30	Farmington	San Juan (alternates with #9)
32	Santa Fe	Santa Fe
33	Espanola	Rio Arriba / Los Alamos
35	Hobbs	Lea
36	Portales	Roosevelt
37	Las Cruces	Dona Ana
39	Ruidoso	Lincoln



**One day a month of your time
can have a positive impact
on the lives of New Mexico's
abused and neglected children.**



For further information and to request an application:

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