

2025 Training for Potential CFCRB Volunteers

Thousands of Kentucky children enter foster care each year due to dependency, neglect, and abuse. Citizen Foster Care Review Board are teams of court-appointed volunteers who make a difference in the lives of these children by reviewing their cases and making recommendations to state courts and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The boards focus on ensuring the children's needs are met while they are in care and that they are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. Individuals interested in volunteering must submit an application, consent to a criminal record and Central Registry checks, and complete an initial six-hour training session. [Learn more here.](#)

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Initial training will take place via Zoom. Volunteers must attend two Zoom meetings and complete a self-paced training to meet the certification requirements for appointment. The Division of Family Services for the Administrative Office of the Courts will provide the training. The AOC oversees the CFCRB program by providing support and education to CFCRB volunteers. Potential volunteers should register for training parts 1 and 2 when submitting the volunteer application. Part 1 must be completed prior to participation in Part 2. For questions, contact Audrey Shields at audreyshields@kycourts.net or 502-573-2350 or email CFCRB@kycourts.net.

2025 Training Dates

Part 1 Trainings take place from 9:30-12:00 a.m. CT/10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ET

Part 2 trainings take place from 9:30-12:30 a.m. CT/10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. ET

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| January 17 th | January 24 th |
| February 4 th | February 11 th |
| March 5 th | March 12 th |
| April 10 th | April 17 th |
| May 21 st | May 28 th |
| June 18 th | June 25 th |
| July 14 th | July 21 st |
| August 5 th | August 12 th |
| September 10 th | September 17 th |
| October 10 th | October 17 th |
| November 17 th | November 21 st |
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Appointment Potential CFCRB volunteers are trained on these topics:

- Procedures of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Department for Community Based Services
- Dependency, neglect and abuse case forms

- Process for conducting a review
- Mental health issues of children in out-of-home care

Once a potential volunteer has completed the background checks and training, a recommendation is made to the chief judge of the local Family Court or District Court for the volunteer to be appointed to the local CFCRB. Appointment is based on the judge's decision and the needs of the local CFCRB.

Volunteers are appointed for three-year terms. Volunteers will receive a comprehensive handbook about the CFCRB program and opportunities to earn the required six hours of annual continuing education.