

# CAN YOU BECOME A VOLUNTEER CASEWORKER OR MENTOR?

To become a volunteer caseworker or mentor you have to comply with certain requirements.



The most important are:

- Affinity in working with foster children and foster parents;
- Willingness to help;
- Being able to deal with children and adults in their situation;
- Being available, sometimes also in acute situations and on weekends;
- Being persistent, that is being able to put up with deceptions;
- Being willing to cooperate with the guiding social worker(s);
- Being willing to cooperate with the Juvenile Court Magistrate.
- Participation in the preparation programs: to prepare your task as a counselor assistant or mentor parent(s).

For more information about the role and tasks of a volunteer caseworkers or mentor, please contact the F.J.I.W.I. Family Guardianship for an appointment at # 542-3449.

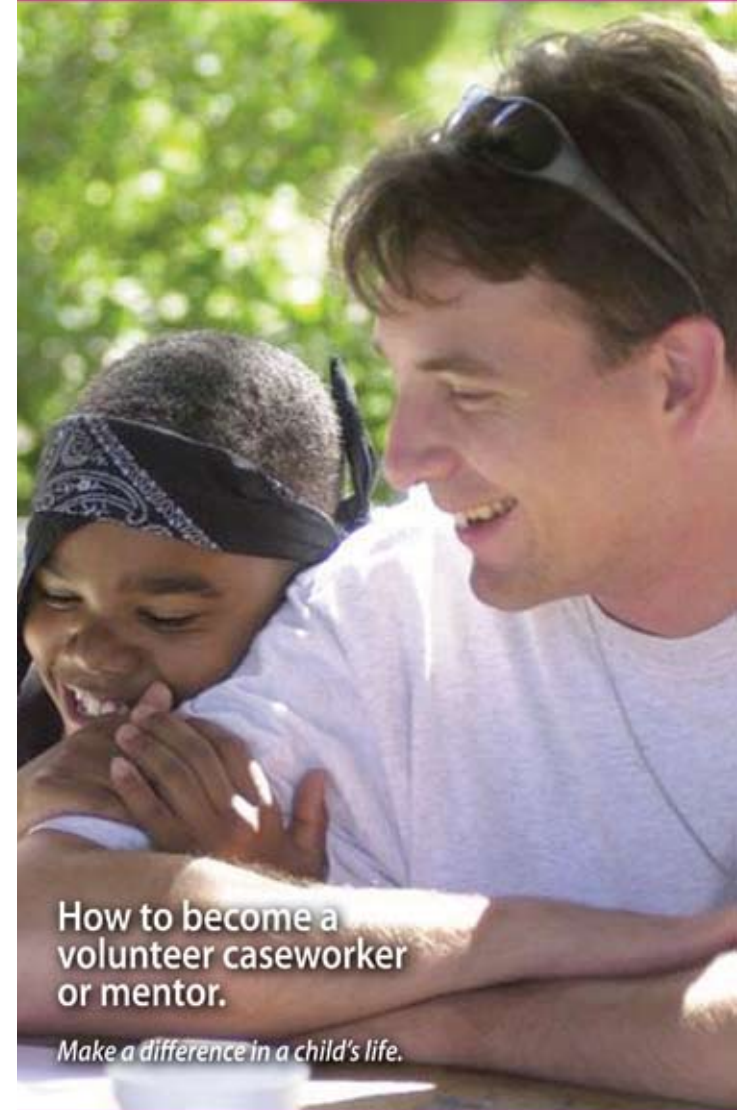


To register to become a volunteer caseworker or mentor call the F.J.I.W.I. Pleeggezinnen Centrale at # 542-3449.

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How to become a volunteer caseworker or mentor.

*Make a difference in a child's life.*

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## FAMILY GUARDIAN



“If a child grows up in such a way, that it is threatened by moral and or physical ruination, the Juvenile Court Magistrate can put him or her under Supervision (art. 347, 1st. Paragraph of the Civil Code). With this, one of the most drastic measures of Child Protection is meant. Authority and control over child(ren) or taken away from parents on account of their incapability and or incapacity. When this intervention appears to be too severe, legislator looks for an intermediate form which does not take all from the parents, yet opens the possibility to interfere.

At pronouncing the measure of placement under supervision, the Juvenile Court Magistrate immediately appoints a family guardian who guides the child in the family circle, and if necessary, also out of the family circle in the case of fostering out.

The Court asks the F.J.I.W.I./Family Guardianship to be or introduce a family guardian.

## VOLUNTEERS

The word “family guardianship” could be misleading. The authority, “Court of Guardianship,” is coupled to the

custody and parental power, whereas, “Family Guardianship” does not imply authority, but much more assistance and guidance. Therefore a family guardianship is in the first place an assistance opened up by the law, in educating and caring of one or more children, who find themselves in serious trouble. In the light of the before mentioned, the F.J.I.W.I./ Family Guardianship is seeking volunteer caseworkers and mentors who will among other things, assist the Family Guardianship in the following tasks:

### CASEWORKERS:



- Creating a mutual positive pattern of expectation with clients;
- Laying a foundation of trust for the beginning of the process of assistance to the child and it's family;
- Paying of regular home visits to help follow the right way consequently;
- Being on guard for the eventual danger of becoming the errand boy of the family, by always keeping in view the main task of care provider and attendant;
- Taking care of reporting as, among other things, an

important means of help to get a clear review of the situation, possibly with the parents, guardians and child;

Passing on or referring to certain problems that ask for professional help.

### MENTORS:

- Being a role positive model for the foster child.
- Establishing a positive personal relationship with the foster child.
- Assist in developing the foster child life.
- Assists in developing the foster child competencies in specifics fields of interest.
- Undertake social and leisure activities with the foster child.
- Assist in increasing the foster child's ability to interact with other social and cultural groups.

