

Can you become a volunteer?

To become a volunteer 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.

For more information please contact the Coordinator of the Family Guardianship, at:



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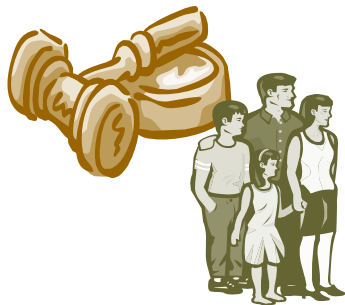
**Become a volunteer
AT FAMILY GUARDIANSHIP**

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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 SJIB/Family Guardianship to be or introduce a family guardian.

Tasks of the volunteer:

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 SJIB/Family Guardianship is seeking volunteers who will among other things, assist the social worker(s) in the following tasks:

- ‡ Creating a mutual positive pattern of expectation;
- ‡ Laying a foundation of trust for the beginning of the process of assistance;
- ‡ Regular paying 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.

Sign-up form:

Sign up for:

- Yes, I would like to become a volunteer.
- I would like more information about volunteering.
- I would like to contribute in an other way, namely :

Motivation:

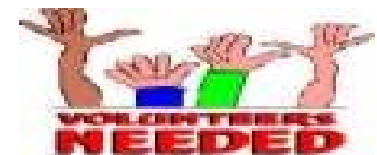
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