

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Volunteer Training: Neighborhood Accountability Board

What is a Neighborhood Accountability Board (NAB)?

Neighborhood Accountability Boards represent a community-based decision making process aimed at repairing harm committed by youth against victims and neighborhoods. Instead of focusing on who broke the law, what laws were broken, and how we will punish the youth, this process takes a "Restorative Justice" perspective, focusing the attention on what harm was done, and what needs to be done to repair the harm.

Youth who have committed crimes such as theft, criminal mischief, drug-related charges, and burglary may be eligible for the NAB program. The youth have been assessed by the Department of Juvenile Justice and approved by the State Attorney's Office to participate in this diversion program.

What do I do as a volunteer?

Volunteers sit on Boards with the youth, youth's parent/guardian, victim, and other NAB volunteers to develop a case plan for the youth. Volunteers represent the community in this process; addressing the harm caused to the community and how to repair the harm.

Logistics:

Volunteers are asked to complete an application, attend a one-day training, and observe two conferences. A background check is conducted on all potential volunteers. Volunteers are not required to commit to a set amount of hours; any amount of time given to the program is appreciated. NABs are scheduled in the community that the crime took place. Conferences can last up to 2 hours and are generally held at a library, neighborhood community center, or United Way House. Volunteers are emailed a NAB conference schedule up to 2 weeks in advance, and carpooling to a NAB is always available.

For more information, visit our website <http://www.leegov.com/dhs/neighborhood/youth> or contact Nora Donato-Hitchcock at 239-533-7947 or ndonato-hitchcock@leegov.com

**Training Location: TBD Downtown Fort Myers
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**RSVP at least 3 days prior to the training date
at 239-533-7947 or ndonato-hitchcock@leegov.com**

*There must be a minimum of five volunteers confirmed to attend the training.
Lunch is ordered - cost will vary between \$8-\$10 or you can bring your own.*

