

## **Marathon County Citizen Review Panel**

Marathon County is one of only seven Citizen Review Panels in Wisconsin. The panel, composed of citizen members, supports the delivery of effective and quality child protective services in Marathon County. The Citizen Review Panel represents the community and consumer point of view.

### **What we do:**

- Identify systematic issues that impact the manner in which child welfare services are provided
- Assess program effectiveness
- Help educate the public and community about critical issues in child protective services, practices and philosophies
- Identify resources needed
- Create awareness of child abuse and prevention through community activities and events.

### **Who is on the panel now?**

The panel consists of 20 members from the community representing diverse backgrounds. The Marathon County Department of Social Services provides staff support to the panel. We are in need of concerned community members who have an interest in strengthening families and keeping children safe.

### **What is expected of panel members?**

- Commit to bi-monthly meetings over lunch hour
- Serve as a liaison between the panel and the community
- Express a general interest in child welfare issues
- Have good communication skills
- Be sensitive to diversity of culture and lifestyle
- Maintain confidentiality

### **How do I get involved?**

Contact Julie Jensen at (715) 261-7653 for more information. Note that new panel members receive an orientation and ongoing training. Members do not need to be experts in child welfare, just care about children and their safety and wellbeing.