



Washington County Citizen Review Panel

ESTABLISHED:

The Washington County Citizen Review Panel (CRP) is one of five panels in the state of Minnesota that was established statutorily in 1999. Other counties are Chisago, Ramsey and Winona. Hennepin County was added in early 2009.

MOTTO:

The safety, permanency and well-being of all children will be achieved when everyday citizens invest themselves in community services and child protection.

MISSION STATEMENT:

“As volunteer citizens we will assist the child protection system with on-going evaluation to strive for the protection of children.”

GOALS:

This Panel of citizens, who meet monthly, engage in efforts to improve overall child protection services in Washington County in the five program areas of prevention, risk management, parental substance abuse, training, and child protection and domestic abuse.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PANEL:

- Developed and disseminated an educational brochure advocating that it is "Not Safe for Kids Under Eight" to be left alone in vehicles unsupervised.
- Developed a training program for neglect and abuse for mandated reporters.
- Conducted case reviews of Independent Living Skills activities for teenagers in foster care.
- Participates in Quarterly Reviews for Program Improvement Plan.
- Participates in Reconsiderations regarding neglect and abuse determinations.
- Participates in educational activities to learn of the County's programs and efforts to address and prevent neglect and abuse of children.

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