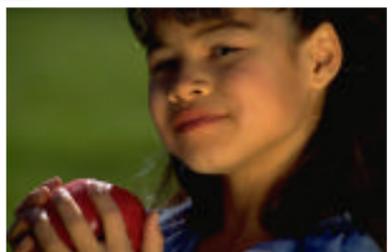


**The Maricopa County  
Juvenile Court  
Community Advisory  
Board**

Do your Community Justice...



**J**ustice starts at the grassroots with ordinary citizens who care about their community and its future.



**T**he Maricopa County Community Advisory Board is a **diverse group of community volunteers** dedicated to ensuring that our **children become productive and responsible members of the community.** Their mission is to enhance the functional relationship between the community and the Juvenile Court in **providing improved services to youth and families.**

## THE MARICOPA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

### CAB History

In March 1994, the Honorable Stanley Feldman, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, notified the juvenile courts in each county that they should establish committees to review the administration of juvenile justice on a local level. In response to this order, the Community Advisory Board to the Maricopa County Juvenile Court held its first meeting in January 1995.

“Prior to the establishment of Community Advisory Boards, there was little connection between the community and the Courts. Our CAB is helping the Juvenile Court Center move in new directions on behalf of the community. Together we make a difference in the lives of children and families in Maricopa County. The Court needs citizen input to keep steering an appropriate course.”

**Maricopa County  
Presiding Juvenile  
Court Judge  
Maurice Portley**



### Purpose of our CAB

The Community Advisory Board advises the Juvenile Court on ways to continuously improve its services to the residents of Maricopa County by:

- **Identifying what the community wants from the Juvenile Court.**
- **Evaluating the services currently provided by the Court to the community.**
- **Making recommendations on the types and quality of service the community should receive from the Court.**
- **Acting as a sounding board for new ideas.**

The expectation is that the Community Advisory Board will help the Court enhance its value and credibility with the community by increasing public awareness and understanding of the Juvenile Court; developing more programs to meet diverse community needs; ensuring equitable treatment for minority youth; and welcoming the influence and ideas of the community.

“The CAB shares a common goal with the Judiciary. We are concerned about the welfare of children and desire to make our community a better place. As a CAB member, I have the opportunity to work with people who really care about kids and help promote one of the most effective court systems in our country.”

**Maricopa County Community Advisory Board Chairperson Donna McBride**

### CAB Committees

To address the unique needs of youth and families in our community, CAB members focus on **Prevention Strategies** and **Public Awareness**. There are two types of cases that appear before the Juvenile Court: **Dependency and Delinquency**. Unfortunately, there are many children, who without a permanent and stable home, will graduate from dependency hearings to delinquent acts.

In order to facilitate progressive change, the CAB participates in various trainings and facility tours to gain a better understanding of the issues involving **youth, families, victims, and the community**. Standing committees for the CAB include Detention Education, Community Outreach, Dependency, and Membership.

*If you are interested in learning more about*

*becoming a member of the CAB, please call the*  
**Community Services Division  
(602) 506-4305.**

