

# MARATHON COUNTY EARLY YEARS COALITION



## Mission

Ensure child and family wellbeing through a coordinated county-wide effort which maximizes resources, focuses on evidence-based practices, and advocates for early childhood success.

## Vision

Every child in Marathon County is supported in their early years for a journey of lifelong success.

## Goals

- Ensure healthy pregnancies resulting in healthy babies.
- Expand the use of evidence-based developmental screening (i.e. Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), ASQ-Social Emotional, etc.) to increase opportunities for access for early screening, identification and referral of children and families at risk.
- Help parents/care-givers become confident and knowledgeable about being their child's first teacher.
- Improve access and quality of local child care centers and child care homes in connection with the work of YoungStar.
- Expand community understanding about the importance of the early years as a critical time for child development.