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Announcing THE JUDICIAL ENGAGEMENT

NETWORK'S FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the second national cohort of fellows for the Judicial Engagement Network (JEN) Fellowship Program. The JEN is a unique project led by judges for judges seeking to improve court and community responses to intimate partner violence, including domestic and dating violence, abuse in later life, sexual assault, and stalking. Technical assistance, resources, and support to JEN are provided by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and the Center for Court Innovation (CCI).

What is the Fellowship Program?

The JEN Fellowship Program allows judges to enhance their skills as judicial leaders within the court and in their communities. The JEN Fellowship Program will develop a sustainable network of committed judges who have demonstrated the skill and the passion to seek positive changes within their courts and their communities and help them further develop their leadership skills around specific projects to enhance their communities' response to domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, abuse in later life, and stalking, while also preparing to serve as mentors to new judges locally and nationally. The 10-month program will consist of 10 to 14 fellows (*pending funding availability*) and will include the following opportunities:

1. Attendance (funded by the JEN project) at the JEN Leadership Summit 3.0 November 10-12, 2019 in Oklahoma (*encouraged, but not mandatory*).
2. Participation in the JEN Leadership Training in February 2020.
3. Remote based technical assistance and mentorship activities.
4. Participation in the 4th JEN Summit to highlight the Fellowship projects and conclude the JEN Fellowship program.

Project Overview

Each applicant will propose a new or existing project addressing an issue that requires judicial leadership and community engagement, with the goal of improving court and community responsiveness to domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, abuse in later life, and stalking. Throughout the 10 months, participants will connect with and support their fellow judges in the JEN Fellowship Program based on the project each judge proposes and the skills each judge brings to the group. Fellows will have an opportunity to be connected with a JEN judge to support their project work. Regular webinars will be scheduled on current best practices that affect the court and community responses to domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, abuse in later life, and stalking. The cohort will have an opportunity to share successes and challenges through virtual learning community calls and will have access to peer-to-peer support throughout the fellowship.

At the end of the 10-month program, the Fellows will convene again to share their projects, including successes and challenges encountered along the way. The results will be highlighted through publications developed by the NCJFCJ, the CCI, and through the JEN website.

Commitment to the Program

We understand that as judges, you have many demands on your time and current responsibilities, but as with any fellowship program, there is a level of commitment expected from all participants. The JEN Fellowship Program is designed to support the selected project work by providing opportunities and resources that will enhance leadership skills to ensure successful outcomes for courts and communities.

Expectations for Fellows:

- ✓ Attend November 2019 Summit (*Scholarships provided to Fellows; attendance encouraged but not mandatory*)
- ✓ Participate in leadership training (2020) (*Scholarships provided to Fellows*)
- ✓ Engage with designated mentor (*monthly check-ins via phone/email/portal chat*)
- ✓ Participate in monthly Fellows calls
 - Third Friday (*January, February, March, May, July, September*)
 - One allowable miss out of the scheduled conference calls

- ✓ Webinars
 - Third Friday (*April, June, August, October*)
 - One allowable miss out of the four scheduled live webinars
 - Sessions are recorded
- ✓ Share project accomplishments (may include the following):
 - Summit presentation (*November 2020*)
 - Website highlight
 - Document development

The JEN is making a commitment to you too! As a Fellow in the Fellowship Program, you will receive a number of benefits:

Fellows Program Benefits

- Paid travel expenses for in-person meetings (*November 2019, February 2020, and November 2020*)
- Access to consultants, experts, and committed judges
- Opportunity to engage with JEN judges for support
- A commitment and investment in your work and cultivating your leadership skills
- Potential future mentorship opportunities
- Access to project partner technical assistance materials

We believe all of our Fellows will gain knowledge and insight to help them grow as leaders in their communities. If you are interested in becoming a JEN Fellow, please complete the enclosed application package.

Selection Criteria

The following factors related to the applicant's responses will be considered in the selection process:

- Project relationship with the intimate partner violence topic and the proposed systems change.
- Applicant's experience related to proposed project.
- Action Plan of project goals in relationship to the Fellows program 10-month timeline (*see application package for Action Plan form*)
- How proposed project will further the work related to the below priority areas of the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice:

1) reduce violent crime against women and promote victim safety; 2)

increase the response to victims of human trafficking; 3) include substance abuse professionals in a coordinated community response to VAWA crimes* and increase victim access to substance abuse services; and 4) increase efforts to combat stalking. – *Source: U.S. Department of Justice FY 2020 Congressional Submission, Office on Violence Against Women, March 7, 2019*

* *sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking*

How to Apply

Please submit the **attached application, bio/resume, and action plan** to Heather Hull, NCJFCJ Program Specialist, via email hhull@ncjfcj.org. **The deadline for Fellowship applications is September 16, 2019.** Please contact Jennifer Arsenian at jarsenian@ncjfcj.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

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JEN Fellowship Program Application

Submission deadline September 16, 2019

Email to hhull@ncjfcj.org

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Title _____

Email Address _____

Court Address (including City, State, Zip) _____

Phone Number _____

Court Name _____

Court Type

Limited Power

Limited Jurisdiction

General Jurisdiction

Probate

Family

Juvenile

Other (Please describe): _____

Describe Your Court

State Court

Territory Court

County Court

Municipal Court

Tribal Court

Federal Court

Describe Your Community

Urban

Rural

1. Current Docket (describe all your current case types)

2. Length of Time on Bench:

3. What is your experience (judicial activities or administrative functions) or role in handling domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, abuse in later life, stalking and/or trafficking cases?

4. What judicial leadership, administrative, domestic violence, etc. courses have you completed?

5. Describe the project you would like to pursue and develop as part of this Fellowship Program, and why. Also, please complete the provided Action Plan Form.

6. What is your experience related to your proposed project?

7. How will the proposed project further the OVW priority areas (see above for list of priority areas)?

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Judicial Engagement Network

Fellowship Program 2020

Action Planning Worksheet

I. What system change do you wish to make?

II. What first three steps will you take to start?

1)

2)

3)

III. Who else needs to be involved?

IV. How will you know if you are successful (possible ways to measure)?

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