



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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Nevada

The *National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges* (NCJFCJ) continues to provide quality education to judges and other judicial professionals despite the limitations imposed by COVID-19. Through webinars, Zoom calls, and other virtual methods, the NCJFCJ maintained its role as the national leader in judicial education and continued to provide the knowledge and skills that improve the lives of families and children who seek justice.

- In 2021, the NCJFCJ fulfilled 22 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2021, the NCJFCJ trained 223 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Nevada's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ will hold its 85th Annual Conference in **Reno** on July 17–20, 2022.
- In partnership with the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, the NCJFCJ conducted a juvenile probation data capacity assessment for **Clark County** and is providing technical assistance to improve data use and dissemination.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Elko County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Team**, which is implementing the *Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines* and other key recommended practices. The NCJFCJ provides targeted support through court assessments; onsite court observation; strategic planning activities; peer-to-peer learning; and individualized training.
- Working with the **Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children Youth and Family Services**, the NCJFCJ has developed the **Nevada Center for Juvenile Justice Innovation**, an evidence-based program resource center to support the adoption of best practices in Nevada's juvenile justice system.
- The **Washoe County NCJFCJ Mentor Child Abuse and Neglect Model Court** and the **Clark County Mentor Child Abuse and Neglect Model Court** are recognized for their efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children, juvenile offenders, and their families.
- The **Family Division of the Second Judicial District Court (SJDC) of Washoe County** is an NCJFCJ Project ONE site (One family-one judge, No wrong door, Equal and coordinated access to justice). The NCJFCJ facilitated a strategic data planning process to help the SJDC and its Project ONE partners improve their internal Project ONE data capabilities. The NCJFCJ research team completed the strategic data planning process and the court with its partners, are creating a Project ONE data dashboard that will enhance the court's abilities to track core program data and performance measures.
- The NCJFCJ has 83 Judicial and Associate Members in **Nevada**. **Assist Education/Advantages School International**, headquartered in **Reno**, is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Judge Egan Walker** of **Reno**, **Paul Georgeson**, Vice President and Senior Counsel of Caesars Entertainment, Inc. in **Reno**, and **Jeanne Karadanis** of **Reno** are Board Directors of the NCJFCJ. **Melissa "Missy" Young**, Chief Information Officer at Switch in **Las Vegas**, and **Ann Wilkinson** of **Reno** serve on the NCJFCJ's Amicus Council. **Joseph Asher** of **Las Vegas**, is a Board Director and a 2021 Days on the Hill Delegate for the NCJFCJ. **Justice Nancy Saitta (Ret.)** of **Carson City** is a 2021 Days on the Hill Delegate. **Joseph Asher**, **Sandy Gamba**, **Paul Georgeson**, **Jeanne Karadanis**, and **Melissa "Missy" Young** are Sustaining Members of the NCJFCJ.

National Impact

In 2021, the NCJFCJ fulfilled more than **529** requests for technical assistance and trained more than **5,749** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals across the nation.

Areas of Focus

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**
Diversifying the bench to better represent the children and families served
- **Domestic Child Sex Trafficking**
Improving outcomes for vulnerable and victimized children through judicial education and action
- **National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence**
Enhancing judicial skills to promote victim safety and batterer accountability
- **Juvenile Justice GPS**
Providing juvenile justice policy, practice, and statistics by state
- **Trauma-informed Courts & the Adolescent Brain**
Promoting trauma-responsive courts and practices informed by science
- **Child Abuse & Neglect Institute**
Improving outcomes for abused and neglected children through dependency court best practices
- **Linking Systems of Care for Children & Youth**
Promoting healing for victims of crime through trauma-informed prevention and intervention services
- **Military-connected Families**
Enhancing judicial skills to best serve military-connected families
- **Tribal Courts & ICWA**
Promoting collaboration between tribal and state courts
- **Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts**
Enhancing effectiveness in addressing youth and substance abuse
- **Animal Cruelty & Its Link to Violence**
Understanding the link between animal abuse and other forms of violence
- **Implementation Sites & Project ONE**
Approaching families holistically and improving outcomes for children in care
- **Self-care and Wellness**
Promoting judicial self-care and wellness for centering oneself for leadership

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