



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

# Nevada

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- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled 10 requests for technical assistance in **Nevada**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 145 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 presented the Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (CANI) in **Reno**. The CANI brought together expert judicial faculty and other subject matter experts to engage participants through exemplary instruction, case scenarios, and other active learning strategies.
- The **Washoe County** 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 NCJFCJ facilitated a strategic discussion among **Nevada** judges in **Las Vegas** about the development of the Judicial Resource Center on Firearms.
- 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 NCJFCJ CEO, **Joey Orduña Hastings**, attended the National American Indian Court Judges Association's National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference in **Las Vegas** to receive education on innovative and timely tribal justice strategies.
- As part of **Nevada's** ongoing efforts to improve the handling of guardianship cases, the NCJFCJ partners with the **Nevada** Administrative Office of the Courts to develop training for judicial officers and lay guardians on less restrictive alternatives to guardianship, rights of the protected person, monitoring of guardianships, and guardianship procedures. The National Center for State Courts is another partner on this project, and is collecting data on how the district courts manage guardianship cases and make recommendations for improvement.
- The NCJFCJ hosted the six Judicial Engagement Network (JEN) fellows who make up the fifth class of the JEN Fellowship Program at its **Reno** office. The JEN Fellows worked on their projects, received peer to peer support, engaged in strategic planning, discussed judicial leadership and system change, and prepared for project sustainability beyond the Fellowship Program.
- The NCJFCJ has 113 Judicial and Associate Members in **Nevada**. The **Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence** in **Reno** is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Patricia Cafferata of Reno** is a Board Director for the NCJFCJ. **Judge Michael Montero of Winnemucca** is a NCJFCJ Board Director and served as a 2024 Days on the Hill Delegate. **Melissa "Missy" Young**, Senior Fellow and former Chief Information Officer at Switch in **Las Vegas**, serves on the NCJFCJ's Amicus Council. **Joseph Asher**, **Michael J. Brown**, **Patricia Cafferata**, **Sandy Gamba**, **Paul Georgeson**, and **Jeanne Karadanis** are Sustaining Members of the NCJFCJ.

## National Impact

In 2024, the NCJFCJ's work impacted approximately **4 million** families across the nation. Our publications amassed over **94,000** views, the team fulfilled over **150** requests for technical assistance, and trained over **15,000** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family-court related professionals across the nation.

- **Court Leadership & Education**  
Educate judges, court professionals, and community members about leadership skills and best practices to improve the justice system
- **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
- **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 substance abuse
- **Animal Cruelty**  
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 & Wellness**  
Promoting judicial self-care and wellness for centering oneself for leadership

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