



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR  
STATE  
**2024**



# Arizona

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled five requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 124 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Arizona's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ will hold its 87th Annual Conference in **Phoenix** on July 21-24, 2024. This event is historical as it is the **first annual conference on tribal land**, in partnership with the **Gila River Indian Community**.
- The NCJFCJ partnered with the **Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Court** to present the Gila River Tribal Model Court Convening in Phoenix. Much of the training focused on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and how it has been implemented into GRIC and the overall growing concern over its future. Judge William Thorne provided a history of the ICWA.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Gila River Indian Community Children's Court** to improve practice in the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, reduce the number of children in foster care, and improve outcomes for children in care.
- Multidisciplinary professionals from **Arizona** participated in the NCJFCJ's Custody Evaluator Domestic Violence Institute and learned about the benefits and harms of the custody evaluation process for families experiencing domestic violence.
- A judicial system professional from **Arizona** attended the Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) workshop. Participants engaged in practical courtroom exercises and learned about victim and perpetrator behavior and fairness and culture issues in domestic violence cases.
- Judicial system professionals from **Arizona** attended the NCJFCJ's Judicial Engagement Network (JEN) Leadership in Practice Summit. The Summit focused on highlighting strategies currently implemented by jurisdictions to promote, implement, and sustain positive systemic changes that improve court and community responses to intimate partner violence in civil and criminal settings.
- Justice system professionals from **Arizona** attended the 2023 All Technical Assistance Provider Training and Technical Assistance for a Changing World meeting. Participants heard presentations on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, copyright and ownership of technical assistance resources, and the use of social media to engage the community.
- A judicial system professional from **Arizona** attended the Continuing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (CJS) workshop. Participants engaged in advanced courtroom exercises and learned about victim and perpetrator behavior and fairness and culture issues in domestic violence and cyber violence cases.
- The NCJFCJ has 57 Judicial and Associate Members in **Arizona**.
- **Judge Kathleen A. Quigley** of **Tucson** is the Secretary of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Stephen M. Rubin (Ret.)** of **Tucson** is an NCJFCJ Past President.

## National Impact

In 2023, the NCJFCJ work impacted approximately **4 million** families across the nation. The team fulfilled about **550** requests for technical assistance and trained approximately **7,500** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family-court related professional across the nation.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- **Diversity, Equity, and Justice**  
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
- **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**  
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
- **Court Leadership**  
Equip judges, court professionals, & community members with knowledge & skills to improve the justice system

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