



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR
STATE



2024

California

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled 15 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 378 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect California's children, families, and victims in our communities.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, County of Orange**, and the **Hoopa Valley Tribal 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.
- The NCJFCJ continues to consult with **California's Department of Justice** as they develop plans for replacing the state's Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System (JCPSS). California has been a long-time contributor of JCPSS data to the NCJFCJ's National Juvenile Court Data Archive.
- The NCJFCJ hosted three national training events in **Valencia** for its Judicial Education Development Initiative on Domestic Violence (JEDI-DV): the Judicial Engagement Network (JEN) Summit; the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence's (NJIDV) Enhancing Judicial Skills (EJS) Workshop; and the NJIDV Continuing Judicial Skills (CJS) Workshop.
- The NCJFCJ's Field-Generated Strategies to End the Criminalization of Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking project, funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, provides direct training and technical assistance to **Sacramento County's Consultation, Support, and Engagement Team**.
- As an activity of the Enhanced Resource Guidelines (ERG): Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases project funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the NCJFCJ provides dependency data capacity assessments to the ERG Implementation Site in **Orange County**.
- The **San Jose NCJFCJ Mentor Child Abuse and Neglect Model Court** and the **Los Angeles NCJFCJ Child Abuse and Neglect Model Court** are recognized for their efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and juvenile offenders.
- The NCJFCJ has 65 Judicial and Associate Members in **California**. **Soberlink in Huntington Beach** is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Tiffany Brown, Esq.** is an NCJFCJ board member. **Mark A. Krasner**, Founding Partner at Blanchard, Krasner & French, of La Jolla, is a Sustaining Member of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Michael Nash (Ret.)** of Los Angeles and **Judge Leonard P. Edwards (Ret.)** of San Francisco are NCJFCJ Past Presidents. **Chief Judge Joseph Wiseman of Hopland** was a 2023 Days on the Hill Delegate for the NCJFCJ. **Dr. Robert A. Simon** of San Diego is an NCJFCJ Amicus Council Member.

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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