



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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STATE



2024

District of Columbia

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled eleven requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 177 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect the **District of Columbia's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia NCJFCJ Mentor Child Abuse and Neglect Model Court** is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children, juvenile offenders, and their families.
- The NCJFCJ coordinated the Judicial Training on the Human Animal Bond and the LINK between Animal Cruelty and Interpersonal Violence: Issues in Family Law at the **George Washington University Law School** in Washington, DC.
- Multidisciplinary professionals from the **District of Columbia** participated in the Office on Violence Against Women's Campus Training and Technical Assistance Institute (TTI). These Institutes occur five times per year and are designed to provide college and university campuses with information, training, and resources to enhance their capacity to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campuses.
- Multidisciplinary professionals from the **District of Columbia** 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.
- Justice system professionals from the **District of Columbia** 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 and training and technical assistance for sexual assault service providers.
- The **District of Columbia** contributes juvenile court data to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).
- The NCJFCJ has nine Judicial and Associate Members in the **District of Columbia**. Georgetown Law is a Law School Member of the NCJFCJ, and the United States Department of State, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo (Ret.)** of the **District of Columbia Superior Court** is a Past President of the NCJFCJ and was a 2023 Days on the Hill Delegate.

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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