



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR
STATE



2024

Delaware

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled three requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 20 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Delaware'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 **New Castle County Family Court in Wilmington**, under the leadership of **Judge Michael Newell**, to improve practice in the handling of child abuse and neglect cases and reduce the number of children in foster care.
- The NCJFCJ worked with **Judge Michael Newell** to plan a pilot of the Domestic Violence Analysis, Warnings, Action, Recovery, and Engagement (DV AWARE) Project training, which included multidisciplinary court-based stakeholders that are committed to preventing and mitigating the threats posed to court staff by domestic violence offenders.
- The NCJFCJ's Civil Protection Order Project provided technical assistance to a court in **Delaware** regarding the entry of civil protection orders and firearms prohibitions into state and national databases.
- A multidisciplinary training team piloted the DV AWARE curriculum in **Dover**. Faculty members included a retired judge, a court security expert, a court manager, and a national expert in domestic violence risk assessment. The curriculum focuses on preventing and mitigating courthouse violence and security risks posed by perpetrators.
- Justice system professionals from **Delaware** 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.
- A judicial system professional from **Delaware** 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.
- The landscape of juvenile justice in **Delaware** is detailed through the Juvenile Justice Geography Policy Practice and Statistics website (JJGPS.org), a project of the NCJFCJ's research division, the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ).
- The NCJFCJ has 38 Judicial and Associate Members in **Delaware**.
- **Chief Judge Michael K. Newell** of **Wilmington** is a Board Director of the NCJFCJ.

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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