



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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STATE



2024

Indiana

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled six requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 109 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Indiana's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Indianapolis 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.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Allen County Superior Court**, under the leadership of **Judge Lori Morgan**, 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's Civil Protection Order Project provided technical assistance on how states across the country handle temporary ex parte protection orders and safety between the filing of a petition for a civil protection order and the issuance of the final order.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Indiana** participated in the Multidisciplinary Child Abuse and Neglect Institute. Participants received training on reasonable efforts; preliminary protective hearing best practice; initial review hearings; permanency hearings; and understanding court data.
- Judicial system professionals from **Indiana** attended the Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute. The Institute, sponsored by the Council for State Governments and the NCJFCJ and with funding from the State Justice Institute, provided an intensive and interactive 4.5-day program designed to give participants increased knowledge, practical tools, and an essential foundation of best practices to use in delinquency cases.
- A judicial system professional from **Indiana** attended the Lead Judges Meeting and All-Sites Conference where NCJFCJ Implementation, Project One, and Model Tribal Courts gathered to learn and collaborate. Participants engaged in action planning and developed strategies to help implement practices that align with the NCJFCJ's Enhanced Resource Guidelines.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Indiana** received specialized child welfare, domestic violence, and juvenile justice training on current and cutting-edge topics and research during the NCJFCJ's Annual Conference and National Conference on Juvenile Justice.
- The landscape of juvenile justice in Indiana 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). JJGPS is an online resource that tracks juvenile justice reform in each state, allowing for comparisons within and across states.
- The NCJFCJ has 86 Judicial and Associate Members in **Indiana**.
- **Judge Faith A. Graham** of **Lafayette** is an NCJFCJ Board Director 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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