



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR
STATE



2024

Montana

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled one request for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 59 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Montana's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ conducted the Albany County Integrated Juvenile Treatment Court Site Visit in **Laramie**. Activities included observing the juvenile drug treatment court (JDTC) team practices, providing feedback and training on recommended practice, and facilitating team and stakeholder discussions on current program referrals, risk needs assessment, case planning, and treatment planning processes and coordination.
- NCJFCJ team members attended the 2023 Tribal Court Improvement Program's annual conference in **Polson**. The event offered a valuable opportunity for the Tribal Court Improvement Programs community to convene in person following the COVID-19 pandemic. The event also focused on addressing gaps in tribal court services and fostering collaboration among diverse organizations to support the success of Tribal Court Improvement Programs.
- A justice system professional from **Montana** 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, training and technical assistance for sexual assault service providers, and the use of social media to engage the community.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Montana** 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.
- Judicial system professionals from **Montana** 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.
- The NCJFCJ has 57 Judicial and Associate Members in **Montana**. The **Alexander Blewett III School of Law** at the University of Montana in **Missoula** is a Law School Member of the NCJFCJ
- **Donald B. Gimbel** of **Livingston** is a Sustaining Member and a Board Director of the NCJFCJ. **Judge John W. Parker** of **Great Falls** 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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