



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR
STATE



Texas

2020

- In 2019, the NCJFCJ fulfilled 18 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2019, the NCJFCJ trained 175 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Texas'** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Travis County NCJFCJ Mentor Model Court for Children and Families** is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children, juvenile offenders, and their families.
- The NCJFCJ conducted the Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases Workshop in **Austin**. This multi-disciplinary training focused on identifying the need for alternative approaches to intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and dating violence for individuals and communities.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Child Protection Court of Rio Grande Valley West in Edinburg** to improve the handling of child abuse and neglect cases.
- **Texas** judicial officers received highly interactive, cutting-edge training on how to improve the handling of domestic violence cases and child abuse and neglect cases through the NCJFCJ's National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV) and Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (CANI).
- The state of **Texas** contributes juvenile court data to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, funded by the OJJDP. This national project of the NCJFCJ provides detailed and accurate information on the activities of the nation's juvenile courts to juvenile justice professionals, policy makers, researchers, and the public.
- The landscape of juvenile justice in **Texas** 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 71 Judicial and Associate Members in **Texas**. **PACE Youth Programs, Inc.**, located in **Houston**, is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Judge Aurora Martinez Jones** of **Austin** and **Judge Robert Hofmann** of **Mason** are Board Directors of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Darlene Byrne** of **Austin** and **Judge Patricia Macias** of **El Paso** are NCJFCJ Past Presidents. **Steven Holloway** of **Pace Youth Programs, Inc.** in **Houston** is a Sustaining Member of the NCJFCJ.

National Impact

In 2019, the NCJFCJ fulfilled more than **820** requests for technical assistance and trained more than **6,600** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals across the nation.

Areas of Focus

- ▀ **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
- ▀ **Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection & Custody**
Providing leadership on custody and protection in the context of domestic violence
- ▀ **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
- ▀ **Family Court Enhancement Project**
Improving approaches in custody decision making in the context of domestic violence
- ▀ **Implementation Sites & Project ONE**
Approaching families holistically and improving outcomes for children in care
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