



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

Arizona

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STATE



- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled three requests for technical assistance from **Arizona**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 138 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Arizona's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ held the 87th Annual Conference in **Phoenix** on July 21–24, 2024.
- The NCJFCJ partnered with the **Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Court** to present the Gila River Tribal Model Court Convening in Phoenix. Much of the training focused on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and how it has been implemented into GRIC and the overall growing concern over its future. **Judge William Thorne** provided a history of the ICWA.
- A multidisciplinary court team from **Pima County** participated in the NCJFCJ's National Multidisciplinary Institute on Child Sex Trafficking.
- The **Gila River Indian Community Children's (GRIC) Court** Mentor Model Court is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families.
- Multidisciplinary court professionals from **Arizona** 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.
- Judicial system professionals from **Arizona** 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.
- **Arizona** family court judges were educated on the Comings and Goings Domestic Violence Victim/Survivor Exercise.
- Two **Arizona** tribal court judges are members of the NCJFCJ's national working group of multidisciplinary experts that convened to examine enhancing responses to child custody cases involving domestic violence in tribal courts and communities.
- The NCJFCJ conducted a trauma consultation for **Flagstaff** in partnership with Zero to Three.
- The NCJFCJ held the Filling the Gaps in the Continuum of Care for Opioid Use Opportunities and Strategies for Court Teams, Pre-Conference training at the Annual Conference in **Phoenix**.
- A judge from **Arizona** attended the NCJFCJ's National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV) 25th Anniversary Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) workshop.
- The NCJFCJ has 77 Judicial and Associate Members in **Arizona**.
- **Judge Kathleen A. Quigley** of **Tucson** is the NCJFCJ President-Elect. **Judge Stephen M. Rubin (Ret.)** of **Tucson** is a NCJFCJ Past President. **Judge Kami Hart** of **Gila River** served as a 2024 Days on the Hill Delegate for the NCJFCJ.

National Impact

In 2024, the NCJFCJ's work impacted approximately **4 million** families across the nation. Our publications amassed over **94,000** views, the team fulfilled over **150** requests for technical assistance, and trained over **15,000** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family-court related professionals across the nation.

- **Court Leadership & Education**
Educate judges, court professionals, and community members about leadership skills and best practices to improve the justice system
- **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 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 & Wellness**
Promoting judicial self-care and wellness for centering oneself for leadership

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