



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

District of Columbia

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- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled six requests for technical assistance from the **District of Columbia**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 84 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect the **District of Columbia's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ coordinated the Judicial Training on the Human Animal Bond and the LINK between Animal Cruelty and Interpersonal Violence: Issues in Family Law at the **George Washington University Law School** in **Washington, DC**. The institute provided training to judicial officers who handle domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and/or juvenile justice cases.
- At the Coalition for Juvenile Justice National Conference in **Washington, DC**, around 150 participants attended a workshop titled, "Youth Crime Trends: Insights from Data and Research for Policy Implications."
- The NCJFCJ Membership and **Georgetown Law School** celebrated five years of organizational partnership. The NCJFCJ Past President, **Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo (Ret.)**, attended a job fair at the Georgetown University Law Center (GULC) to encourage students to pursue careers in public service and non-profit work.
- The NCJFCJ's Judicial Education Development Initiative on Domestic Violence (JEDI-DV), at the request of the White House Gender-Based Violence Office, recorded virtual judicial education on domestic violence for immigration judicial officers.
- The NCJFCJ's Technical Assistance to Technical Assistance Providers (TA2TA) Resource Center hosted a gathering with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The NCJFCJ CEO, **Joey Orduña Hastings**, many NCJFCJ Board Directors, and NCJFCJ staff, attended the commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act in **Washington, DC**. The event included a series of discussions addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.
- The NCJFCJ conducted the Attorney Training on Early Pre-Court Legal Advocacy to provide training to judges and attorneys on various models of pre-petition legal advocacy for parents in child abuse and neglect cases and how to implement them.
- The Family Court of the Superior Court of the **District of Columbia** Mentor Model Court is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families.
- The NCJFCJ's TA2TA Resource Center supported a multidisciplinary roundtable discussion on gender-based violence in the lives of faith-affiliated students at OVW.
- **Georgetown Law** is a Law School Member of the NCJFCJ, and the **United States Department of State, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau** is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- The NCJFCJ has 42 Judicial and Associate Members in **District of Columbia**.
- **Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo (Ret.)** of the **District of Columbia Superior Court** is a Past President of the NCJFCJ and served as a 2024 Days on the Hill Delegate.

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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