



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

# Delaware

WORK & IMPACT  
IN YOUR  
STATE

- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 15 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court–related professionals working to protect **Delaware's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Delaware Family Court** Mentor Child Abuse and Neglect Implementation Site is recognized for their efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and juvenile offenders.
- The NCJFCJ's Civil Protection Order Project provided technical assistance to a court in **Delaware** regarding the entry of civil protection orders and firearms prohibitions into state and national databases.
- A judge from **Delaware** attended the NCJFCJ's National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV) 25th Anniversary Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) workshop.
- The NCJFCJ provided a trauma consultation for the **Family Court of the State of Delaware**.
- **Judge Jennifer Ranji**, with the support of **Chief Judge Michael Newell**, is a member of the NCJFCJ Judicial Response to Animal Cruelty Issues Advisory Work Group. In 2024, **Judge Jennifer Ranji** began working with the NCJFCJ staff to develop a state–specific bench tool, “What **Delaware** Judges Need to Know and Do to Address Human and Pet Wellbeing in Family Law Cases,” for use by **Delaware** judicial officers.
- One judicial officer from **Delaware** attended the 2024 Institute for New Juvenile and Family Court Judges. The Institute is designed specifically for state and tribal judicial officers who are new to the bench, newly assigned to a juvenile or family rotation, or who are returning to the juvenile and family court bench after other assignments and desire a refresher course. This intensive and interactive four and a half day program, previously known as Core College, is designed so participants can leave with increased knowledge, practical tools, and an essential foundation of best practices to use in the cases coming before them.
- The landscape of juvenile justice in **Delaware** 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).
- An attendee from **Delaware** attended the NCJFCJ's and Futures without Violence's Enhancing Judicial Skills in Abuse in Later Life Workshop.
- A judge from **Delaware** attended the NCJFCJ's National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV) 25th Anniversary Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) workshop.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Delaware** 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 NCJFCJ has 76 Judicial and Associate Members in **Delaware**.
- **Chief Judge Michael K. Newell** of **Wilmington** is a Board Director of 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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