



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled four requests for technical assistance from **Georgia**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 79 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Georgia's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Cherokee County, Muscogee County and Rockdale County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC) Teams**, which are implementing the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines and other key recommended practices. The NCJFCJ provides targeted support through court assessments; onsite court observation; strategic planning activities; peer-to-peer learning; and individualized training.
- With funding support from the NoVo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **Douglas County Juvenile Court** to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- The **Douglas County Juvenile 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 **Fulton County Juvenile Probation Department** is one of four jurisdictions receiving training and technical assistance as part of an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Second Chance Act award made to the NCJFCJ's partner, the Performance-based Standards (PbS) Learning Institute. The Improving Juvenile Reentry Program's Data Collection, Analysis, and Reporting project will build state and local capacity to collect and use data to inform decision-making, monitor progress of juvenile reentry programs and services, and ensure they meet targeted outcomes for reducing reoffending.
- A NCJFCJ team member participated in an in-person meeting of the Zero to Three Safe Babies Expert Advisory Group in **Atlanta**.
- The NCJFCJ, with funding from the State Justice Institute, selected the **Cobb County Juvenile Court** as an Enhanced Juvenile Justice Guidelines demonstration site, which works on evaluating current programs and creating avenues for diversion.
- The NCJFCJ's Judicial Education Development Initiative on Domestic Violence (JEDI-DV) provided virtual judicial education on enhancing judicial responses in domestic violence cases to the **Georgia** judiciary.
- The NCJFCJ has 261 Judicial and Associate Members in **Georgia**. The **Office of the Public Defender, Atlanta Judicial Circuit** is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Judge Amanda Heath** of **Augusta** serves as the NCJFCJ Board Treasurer and as a 2024 Days on the Hill Delegate. **Judge Wenona C. Belton (Ret.)** of **Saint Simons Island** is a Board Director of the NCJFCJ. **Judge R. Michael (Ret.) Key** of **LaGrange** and **Judge Peggy H. Walker (Ret.)** of **Douglasville** are NCJFCJ Past Presidents.

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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