



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

Indiana

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- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled one request for technical assistance in **Indiana**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 38 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Indiana's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Allen County Superior Court** to improve practice in the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, reduce the number of children in foster care, and improve outcomes for children in care.
- The NCJFCJ's Civil Protection Order Project provided technical assistance on how states across the country handle temporary ex parte protection orders and safety between the filing of a petition for a civil protection order and the issuance of the final order.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Indiana** 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 **Indianapolis** Mentor Model Court is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families.
- Judicial system professionals from **Indiana** attended the Lead Judges Meeting and All-Sites Conference where the NCJFCJ Implementation Sites and Model Tribal Courts gathered to learn and collaborate. Participants engaged in action planning and developed strategies to help implement practices that align with the NCJFCJ's Enhanced Resource Guidelines.
- The NCJFCJ staff coordinated a training by lived experts at the **Allen County** Children in Need of Services (CHINS) Training.
- Judicial system professionals from **Indiana** participated in the Children and Youth and Engaging Men and Boys Program New Grantee Orientation hosted by the NCJFCJ's Technical Assistance to Technical Assistance Provider's (TA2TA) Resource Center and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).
- Four judicial officers from **Indiana** 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 NCJFCJ has 81 Judicial and Associate Members in **Indiana**.
- **Judge Geoffrey A. Gaither** of **Indianapolis** is a NCJFCJ Board Director. **Judge Faith A. Graham** of **Lafayette** is a NCJFCJ Board Director 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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