



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

Montana

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- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 40 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Montana's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ assisted court and legal professionals in **Montana** to access training on engaging youth in dependency hearings as part of the Quality Improvement Center on Engaging Youth in Finding Permanency.
- Judicial system professionals from **Montana** participated in the Rural, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking 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).
- One judicial officer from **Montana** 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.
- A team led by the NCJFCJ CEO, **Joey Orduña Hastings**, Judge **John W. Parker**, and the NCJFCJ Immediate Past President, **Judge Gayl Branum Carr**, presented to law students during a NCJFCJ/law school partnership event at the University of **Montana** Law School.
- The National Center for Juvenile Justice, in partnership with **Dr. Keith Cruise** of the National Youth Screening and Assessment Partners, and staff from the Council for State Governments Justice Center presented juvenile justice data trends and policy innovations to a statewide judicial training meeting in **Missoula, Montana**.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Montana** 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 state of **Montana** contributes juvenile court data to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This national project of the NCJFCJ provides detailed and accurate information on the activities of the nation's juvenile courts to juvenile justice professionals, policy makers, researchers, and the public.
- The NCJFCJ has 60 Judicial and Associate Members in **Montana**. The **Alexander Blewett III School of Law** at the University of **Montana** in **Missoula** is a Law School Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Donald B. Gimbel** of **Livingston** is a Sustaining Member and a Board Director of the NCJFCJ. **Judge John W. Parker** of **Great Falls** is the NCJFCJ Board Secretary.

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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