



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

New Mexico

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STATE



- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled two requests for technical assistance in **New Mexico**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 47 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **New Mexico's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- As part of its ongoing work developing and providing training on domestic violence to custody evaluators and other evaluative professionals such as guardians ad litem (GALs) and court appointed special advocates (CASAs), the NCJFCJ's Enhancing DV Practice Project has provided targeted technical assistance and training to court-based clinicians, GALs, and other evaluative professionals doing evaluative work in **New Mexico's First and Second Judicial District Courts** as well as other courts in the state. The court-based state-level focus of the technical assistance and training for evaluative professionals is designed to incorporate local issues and requirements for these professionals into nationally accepted domestic violence best practices.
- The NCJFCJ hosted the Recovering and Reuniting training in **Santa Fe** to train judges on best practices for families affected by opioids and other substance use disorders.
- The NCJFCJ's second National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV) 25th Anniversary Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) workshop was hosted in **Santa Fe**, including pre-institute workshops on firearms and child custody in domestic violence cases.
- **Judge Rosemary Cosgrove-Aguilar** with the **Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court** is a member of the NCJFCJ Judicial Response to Animal Cruelty Issues Advisory Work Group. In 2024, **Judge Cosgrove-Aguilar** initiated outreach to the **New Mexico** state judicial education office to develop a state-specific bench tool on the link between animal cruelty and interpersonal violence. The NCJFCJ is providing training and technical assistance to **Judge Cosgrove-Aguilar** on creating the tool.
- The state of **New Mexico** 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's Civil Protection Order Project provided technical assistance and resources to **New Mexico** courts regarding temporary civil protection order hearings, safety in between the filing of an order and the final hearing, and the appointment of guardians ad litem for minors.
- Judicial system professionals from **New Mexico** 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).
- The NCJFCJ has 23 Judicial and Associate Members in **New Mexico**.
- **Judge John J. Romero, Jr. (Ret.)** of **Albuquerque** is a NCJFCJ Past President.

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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