



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

Ohio

WORK & IMPACT IN YOUR STATE

- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled ten requests for technical assistance in **Ohio**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 703 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Ohio's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ 2024 National Conference on Juvenile Justice was held in **Cleveland** on March 17–20, 2024.
- With funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, the NCJFCJ provided training and technical assistance to the **Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division** to enhance juvenile and family court responses to human trafficking.
- The NCJFCJ, with funding from the State Justice Institute, selected the **Hamilton County Juvenile Court** as an Enhanced Juvenile Justice Guidelines demonstration site, which works on evaluating current programs and creating avenues for diversion.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance, and site visits, to **Portage County**, 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 Field-Generated Strategies to End the Criminalization of Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking project, funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, provides direct training and technical assistance to the **Summit** and **Medina County** Human Trafficking Youth Prevention and Decriminalization Project and to **Gracehaven, Inc.** in **Columbus**, to broaden its network of comprehensive case management and residential group home services in the state.
- The NCJFCJ hosted a multidisciplinary training on the interconnections between animal abuse and domestic violence, hosted by **Franklin County Domestic Relations, Juvenile Court Judge James Brown**, and **Magistrate Joshua Werning**, in **Columbus**.
- With funding support from the NoVo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **Lucas County Juvenile Court** to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- The NCJFCJ hosted the Tune-In Tuesday: **Montgomery County** Natural Helpers Program webinar, which highlighted how the program connects court-involved youth with mentors. The Natural Helpers Program also provides mentoring to court-involved youth to build pathways beyond treatment by connecting the youth with pre-screened and trained volunteers.
- Multidisciplinary campus professionals representing student conduct, law enforcement, and prevention participated in the Office on Violence Against Women's Campus Training and Technical Assistance Institute (TTI), an opportunity extended to each campus grantee five times over the course of three years. These in-person institutes combined with webinars and intensive, customized support from national experts are designed to help college and university campuses enhance their capacity to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus.
- The NCJFCJ has 168 Judicial and Associate Members in **Ohio**. The **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption** in **Dublin** is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Judge Anthony (Tony) Capizzi (Ret.)** of **Dayton**, **Judge David E. Stucki (Ret.)** of **Brewster**, and **Judge James A. Ray (Ret.)** of **Waterville** are NCJFCJ Past Presidents. **Judge Capizzi** also served as a 2024 Days on the Hill Delegate. **Judge David A. Hejmanowski** of **Delaware** and **Judge James W. Brown** of **Columbus** are NCJFCJ Board Directors. **Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon (Ret.)** of **Toledo** is the NCJFCJ's Amicus Council Chair.

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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