



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled four requests for technical assistance in **Texas**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 117 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Texas's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- With partners from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the NCJFCJ hosted seven judicial participants from across the U. S. on a site visit to **Houston** to tour the Opportunity Center and meet with **Harris County** Juvenile Probation staff and Juvenile Court Judges.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance, and site visits, to the **Harris County 246th Family District 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 also provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Coastal Bend Children's Court**, under the leadership of **Judge Jamie Rawlinson**.
- The NCJFCJ staff held a judicial convening for Infant-Toddler Court Judges in **Dallas** as a part of Zero to Three's Annual Cross Sites Meeting.
- The **Travis County** Mentor Model Court is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families.
- The Child Protection Court of the **Rio Grande Valley West** Mentor Model Court is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Bexar County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Team**, which is implementing the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines and other key recommended practices. The NCJFCJ also provides targeted support to the **Grayson County** and **Tom Green County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court** Teams.
- With funding support from the Novo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **Texas** multi-site court collaboration, including **Webb, Duval, Jim Hogg, and Zapata Counties**, to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- The **Travis County Juvenile Probation Department** is one of four jurisdictions receiving training and technical assistance as part of an OJJDP Second Chance Act award made to the NCJFCJ's partner, the Performance-based Standards (PbS) Learning Institute.
- A judge from **Texas** attended the NCJFCJ's National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV) 25th Anniversary Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) workshop.
- The NCJFCJ has 81 Judicial and Associate Members in **Texas**.
- **Judge Robert R. Hofmann** of **Mason** is the President of the NCJFCJ and served as a 2024 Days on the Hill Delegate. **Judge Aurora Martinez Jones** of **Austin** is a Board Director of the NCJFCJ and served as a 2024 Days on the Hill Delegate. **Justice Darlene Byrne** of **Austin** and **Judge Patricia A. Macias (Ret.)** of **El Paso** 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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