



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

# Virginia

WORK &  
IMPACT  
IN YOUR  
STATE



- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled six requests for technical assistance in **Virginia**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 85 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Virginia's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Roanoke City Juvenile Services Division Court** Mentor Child Abuse and Neglect Implementation Site is recognized for their efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and juvenile offenders.
- The NCJFCJ's Civil Protection Order Project discussed a variety of issues with courts in **Virginia**, including gathering litigant feedback, self-help services, and firearms and surrender compliance hearings.
- The NCJFCJ hosted, with its partner Futures Without Violence, the Enhancing Judicial Skills in Abuse in Later Life Workshop in **Tysons**.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance, and site visits, to the **Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations Circuit 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 Immediate Past President, **Judge Gayl Branum Carr**, traveled to Cape Town, South Africa for the Cape Town Family Law Conference. Judge Carr represented the NCJFCJ and provided plenary remarks about the vital work of the NCJFCJ to improve the lives and outcomes of families and children seeking justice.
- 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 state of **Virginia** 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 101 Judicial and Associate Members in **Virginia**.
- **Judge Gayl Branum Carr** of **Fairfax** is the NCJFCJ Immediate Past President and she served as a 2024 Days on the Hill Delegate. **Judge H. Lee Chitwood** of **Pulaski** is a Board Director of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Roy B. Willett (Ret.)** of **Roanoke** 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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