



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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STATE



2024

New Mexico

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled seven requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 89 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 the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Pueblo of San Felipe Contemporary Tribal 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.
- As part of its ongoing work developing and providing training on domestic violence (DV) 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'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.
- The NCJFCJ hosted the Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute in **Albuquerque**. The Institute, sponsored by the Council for State Governments and the NCJFCJ and with funding from the State Justice Institute, provided an intensive and interactive 4.5-day program designed to give participants increased knowledge, practical tools, and an essential foundation of best practices to use in delinquency cases. The faculty included current and former judicial officers, as well as content area experts from academic and applied settings who shared their insights about a wide variety of topics.
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- A judicial system professional from **New Mexico** attended the NCJFCJ's Judicial Engagement Network (JEN) Leadership in Practice Summit. The Summit focused on highlighting strategies currently implemented by jurisdictions to promote, implement, and sustain positive systemic changes that improve court and community responses to intimate partner violence in civil and criminal settings.
- The NCJFCJ has 15 Judicial and Associate Members in **New Mexico**.
- **Judge John J. Romero, Jr. (Ret.)** of **Albuquerque** is an NCJFCJ Past President.

National Impact

In 2023, the NCJFCJ work impacted approximately **4 million** families across the nation. The team fulfilled about **550** requests for technical assistance and trained approximately **7,500** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family-court related professional across the nation.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- ▶ **Diversity, Equity, and Justice**
 Diversifying the bench to better represent the children and families served
- ▶ **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 and 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 and Wellness**
 Promoting judicial self-care and wellness for centering oneself for leadership
- ▶ **Court Leadership**
 Equip judges, court professionals, & community members with knowledge & skills to improve the justice system

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