



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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STATE



2024

North Carolina

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled seven requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 82 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **North Carolina's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Charlotte NCJFCJ Mentor Child Abuse and Neglect Model Court** is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children, juvenile offenders, and their families.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Rowan County District Court**, under the leadership of **Judge Beth Dixon**, 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.
- An NCJFCJ team member served as a co-panelist in a session on trauma-informed drug testing considerations at the Conference on the Impact and Response to Trauma for Children and Families held in **Greenville**.
- Multidisciplinary professionals from **North Carolina** participated in the Office on Violence Against Women's Campus Training and Technical Assistance Institute (TTI). These Institutes occur five times per year and are designed to provide college and university campuses with information, training, and resources to enhance their capacity to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campuses.
- **North Carolina** judicial system professionals participated in the Multidisciplinary Child Abuse and Neglect Institute. Participants received training on reasonable efforts; preliminary protective hearing best practice; initial review hearings; permanency hearings; and understanding court data.
- Multidisciplinary professionals from **North Carolina** participated in the NCJFCJ's Custody Evaluator Domestic Violence Institute and learned about the benefits and harms of the custody evaluation process for families experiencing domestic violence.
- Justice system professionals from **North Carolina** attended the 2023 All Technical Assistance Provider Training and Technical Assistance for a Changing World meeting. Participants heard presentations on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and the use of social media to engage the community.
- Judicial system professionals from North Carolina attended the Continuing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (CJS) workshop. Participants engaged in advanced courtroom exercises and learned about victim and perpetrator behavior and fairness and culture issues in domestic violence and cyber violence cases.
- The NCJFCJ has 11 Judicial and Associate Members in **North Carolina**.
- **Major Sheffield Ford III** of **Fayetteville** is a Board Director and a Sustaining Member of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Beth S. Dixon** of **Salisbury** is a Board Director of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Louis A. Trosch, Jr.** of **Charlotte** was a previous NCJFCJ Board Director.

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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