



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR
STATE
2024



Ohio

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled 15 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 150 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 will hold the 2024 National Conference on Juvenile Justice in **Cleveland** on March 17–20, 2024.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Clark County, Cuyahoga County, and Montgomery County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Teams**, which are participating in a large-scale research project to determine whether juvenile drug treatment court practices produce positive outcomes for youth and families.
- With funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, the NCJFCJ provides 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'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.
- 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 professionals from **Ohio** 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.
- The NCJFCJ has 102 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** of **Dayton**, **Judge David E. Stucki (Ret.)** of **Brewster**, and **Judge James A. Ray (Ret.)** of **Waterville** are NCJFCJ Past Presidents. **Judge David A. Hejmanowski** of **Delaware** is an NCJFCJ Board Director. **Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon (Ret.)** of **Toledo** is the NCJFCJ's Amicus Council Chair and was a 2023 Days on the Hill Delegate.

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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