



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR
STATE



2024

Tennessee

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled three requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 53 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Tennessee'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 **Mentor Juvenile Court of Memphis** and Shelby County to improve the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, reduce the number of children in foster care, and improve outcomes for children in care.
- Multidisciplinary professionals from **Tennessee** 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.
- A judicial system professional from **Tennessee** attended the Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) workshop. Participants engaged in practical courtroom exercises and learned about victim and perpetrator behavior and fairness and culture issues in domestic violence cases.
- Judicial system professionals from **Tennessee** attended the Continuing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (CJS) workshop. Participants engaged in advanced courtroom exercises.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Tennessee** received specialized child welfare, domestic violence, and juvenile justice training on current and cutting-edge topics and research during the NCJFCJ's Annual Conference and National Conference on Juvenile Justice.
- A judge from **Tennessee** attended the Regional Enhanced Resource Guidelines Training. The training provided judges with peer-to-peer learning opportunities and time to develop action plans to implement new strategies upon their return home. This training focused on judicial officers who preside over child abuse and neglect cases. The Enhanced Resource Guidelines is a publication that focuses on effective court practices to ensure the safety and permanency of children and families involved in child abuse and neglect cases.
- The landscape of juvenile justice in **Tennessee** is detailed through the Juvenile Justice Geography Policy Practice and Statistics website (JJGPS.org), a project of the NCJFCJ's research division, the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ). JJGPS is an online resource that tracks juvenile justice reform in each state, allowing for comparisons within and across states.
- The NCJFCJ has 46 Judicial and Associate Members in **Tennessee**.
- **Judge Sheila Calloway** of **Nashville** is a NCJFCJ Board Director.
- **Judge Dan H. Michael** of **Memphis** is a Past President of the NCJFCJ.

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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