



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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2024

Texas

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled 19 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 254 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Texas'** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ held the 2023 National Conference on Juvenile Justice in **Dallas** on March 19–22, 2023.
- The **Travis County NCJFCJ Mentor Model Court** for Children and Families 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 **Child Protection Court of Rio Grande Valley West**, under the leadership of **Judge Carlos Villalon, Jr.**, and to the **Coastal Bend Children's Court**, under the leadership of **Judge Jamie Rawlinson**.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Bexar County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Team**, which is implementing the *Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines* and other key recommended practices. The NCJFCJ also provides targeted support to the **Grayson County** and **Tom Green County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Teams**.
- With funding support from the NoVo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **Texas multi-site court collaboration**, including **Webb, Duval, Jim Hogg, and Zapata Counties**, to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- The **Travis County Juvenile Probation Department** is one of four jurisdictions receiving training and technical assistance as part of an OJJDP Second Chance Act award made to the NCJFCJ's partner, the Performance-based Standards (PbS) Learning Institute.
- The NCJFCJ presented the Bexar County Case Management Training for the **Bexar County** juvenile probation staff. During this nine-hour training, NCJFCJ team members discussed the use of screening and assessment information to drive decision making, the use of SMART goals (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound) in probation case planning, and the use of data in tracking youth progress.
- NCJFCJ team members participated in The Five: Opportunities to Establish Equitable Youth Justice Systems event in Houston. The event, hosted by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, provided grantees an opportunity to learn about establishing equitable youth justice systems.
- The NCJFCJ has 88 Judicial and Associate Members in **Texas**.
- **Judge Robert R. Hofmann** of **Mason** is the President-Elect of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Aurora Martinez Jones** of **Austin** is a Board Director of the NCJFCJ and was a 2023 Days on the Hill Delegate. **Justice Darlene Byrne** of **Austin** and **Judge Patricia A. Macias (Ret.)** of **El Paso** are NCJFCJ Past Presidents.

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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