



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR  
STATE



2024

# Utah

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 23 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Utah's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Salt Lake City 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.
- A judicial system professional from **Utah** participated in the Understanding and Addressing Implicit Bias in Juvenile Court workshop, which explored stereotypes, implicit bias, microaggressions, and intersectionality.
- A judicial system professional from Utah participated in the Military Connected Families and Domestic Violence webinar as part of the monthly Break from the Bench: What a Judge Needs to Know Lunch & Learn Series. This series is designed to provide judicial officers an opportunity to obtain an overview of essential topics and awareness of resources and technical assistance available for more in-depth information on domestic violence addressing specific communities, issues, and responses.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Utah** 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.
- Judicial system professionals from **Utah** participated in the TA2TA: The TA Provider's Resource Center Project's series of office-wide orientations for Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grantees. Topics included domestic violence resources for increasing safety and connection, domestic violence and firearms, and stalking prevention and awareness.
- The state of **Utah** contributes juvenile court data to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This national project of the NCJFCJ provides detailed and accurate information on the activities of the nation's juvenile courts to juvenile justice professionals, policy makers, researchers, and the public.
- The landscape of juvenile justice in **Utah** 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 39 Judicial and Associate Members in **Utah**.
- **Judge Angela F. Fannesbeck** of **Logan** is an NCJFCJ Board Director. **Judge Sharon P. McCully (Ret.)** of **Salt Lake City** 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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