



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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2006 ANNUAL REPORT

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges was founded in 1937 by judges dedicated to improving the effectiveness of the nation's juvenile courts. Since that time, the NCJFCJ, through training, technical assistance, research, and policy efforts, has pursued a mission to better the juvenile justice system and raise awareness of the issues that touch the lives of many of our nation's children and families. This commitment to improving the way courts deliver justice to children and families in crisis has made the NCJFCJ a leader in continuing education opportunities, research, and policy development in the field of juvenile and family justice.

Based on the University of Nevada, Reno campus since 1969, the NCJFCJ is led by a 30-member Board of Trustees and issue-focused committees made up of dedicated and enthusiastic NCJFCJ members. The NCJFCJ's research division, the National Center for Juvenile Justice, established in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1973, is relied upon by federal agencies and national, state, and local organizations around the country for its quality research and technical assistance. The NCJFCJ's dedicated staff, located in Reno, Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., and Tucson, Arizona, are committed to meeting the needs of our members and others working in the field.

Today's judges, juvenile justice professionals, and others working on behalf of at-risk children and families are faced with very different issues than the judges who founded the NCJFCJ in 1937. Our goals and mission have not changed, however, and continue to focus on meeting the needs of those dedicated professionals in their efforts to improve the lives of our nation's children and families.

NCJFCJ FACTS at-a-glance

ESTABLISHED: 1937, headquartered at the University of Nevada, Reno since 1969.

RESEARCH DIVISION: National Center for Juvenile Justice, located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

MEMBERSHIP: More than 1,900 members (judges, magistrates, referees, court administrators, probation officers, and other juvenile and family justice professionals) from every state and several foreign countries.

LEADERSHIP: 30-member Board of Trustees, led by President Judge Dale R. Koch.

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15.5 million.

STAFF: 110, located in Reno, Nevada, Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Tucson, Arizona.



Every day, judges and other court professionals working in our nation's juvenile and family courts deal with difficult issues involving child abuse and neglect, delinquency, substance abuse, family violence, custody and visitation and many others. These ongoing challenges make it vitally important that judges and other juvenile justice professionals have the resources they need—including the best possible training, technical assistance, and research—so they can make the best decisions possible for court-involved children and families. Since its establishment in 1937, the NCJFCJ has been committed to providing the essential tools to help our nation's judges and others working in the field meet the challenges they confront daily in their work in our juvenile and family courts.

This report celebrates the NCJFCJ's challenges, progress and achievements in 2006, which included:

New Initiatives

- Following the 2005 publication of *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases*, the NCJFCJ began the implementation phase of the JDG Model Court Project with the establishment of several Model Courts around the country. By focusing on the JDG's 16 Key Principles and recommendations, the NCJFCJ will help participating courts work toward the twin goals of improving court process and improving case outcomes for delinquent youth and their families.

New Publications

- In 2006, the NCJFCJ published or participated in a number of new publications containing the latest information on current issues to the juvenile and family justice field, including *Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence: A Guide to Research and Resources*; *Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report*; *Advancing Competency Development*; and *Juvenile and Family Court Journal, Special Issue on Child Trauma*.

Ongoing Efforts

- The NCJFCJ continues its major role in the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV) which, since 1999, has provided critical training on domestic violence issues to judges around the country through its Enhancing Judicial Skills and Continuing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases curricula.

Continuing Education

- In 2006, the NCJFCJ trained or assisted in training more than 19,500 judges and juvenile and family justice professionals at the Reno headquarters and around the country on topics including child abuse and neglect, delinquency, substance abuse, family violence, juvenile sex offenders, and many others. Educational highlights in 2006 included "Domestic Violence and Firearms: A National Summit for Community Safety," two concurrent sessions of the "Child Abuse and Neglect Institute," and the interactive four-day program, "Managing Challenging Family Law Cases."

Research

- In 2006, the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, maintained by NCJFCJ's research division, the National Center for Juvenile Justice, added an additional 1.2 million automated juvenile court case records to its holdings. The resulting national estimates of juvenile court activity through 2004 will be the basis for the upcoming *Juvenile Court Statistics 2003-2004*, the newest edition in the long-running publication series.

Collaboration

- The NCJFCJ continued collaborative efforts with national, state and local organizations such as the National Center for State Courts, American Bar Association, National Association of Counsel for Children, National District Attorneys Association, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, University of Nevada, Reno, National Judicial College, among many others, to expand efforts to improve outcomes for court-involved children and families.

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"The NCJFCJ has enriched my professional life beyond my wildest dreams. Working with judges from around the country, being supported by expert staff, and having available the rich resources of the NCJFCJ and the NCJJ have made me a better judge."

*Judge Leonard P. Edwards (ret.), NCJFCJ Past President
San Jose, California
Recipient, 2004 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence*

President's Message

It is an honor to be able to introduce the 2006 Annual Report of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

This report details the extraordinary work done during the past year by the staff and members of the National Council across the broad spectrum of juvenile and family courts. As the National Council enters its 70th year, we continue to provide the highest quality of judicial education and leadership in the areas of juvenile delinquency, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence and family law.

We also continue to build our relationships with other organizations such as the Conference of Chief Justices, the Conference of State Court Administrators, the National Judicial College, the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the National Association for Court Management and the National Center for State Courts, as well as tribal courts around our country. These working



partnerships are necessary to leverage all of our limited resources to assure that the highest quality of judicial education reaches the greatest number of judges, court administrators, and others who work in our court system throughout our nation.

As is set forth in this report, much has been done in 2006. I heartily commend the dedicated, professional staff of the National Council for all that they have done, as well as all of the members of the National Council for their accomplishments on both a local and national level. At the same time, much work remains in front of us.

Dale R. Koch

Judge Dale R. Koch

On October 19, 2006, the NCJFCJ held an awards event, honoring five outstanding community leaders, along with a reception and silent auction at the National Automobile Museum in Reno, Nevada.

At right, event attendees consider bidding on a wide variety of silent auction items, from original artwork to golf packages, donated by local businesses and individuals.



Pictured (left to right) are honorees and presenters: Mr. Michael Pomi, Judge Stephen Rubin, Mr. Michael Capello, Judge Deborah Schumacher, Ms. Sabina Reiley, Master Victoria Van Meter, and Judge Dale Koch.

Each year, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges chronicles its efforts in an annual report. The report provides an important vehicle for noting the previous year's work of the organization and is meant to inform members, colleagues, funders, and partner organizations about the work, mission, and accomplishments of the NCJFCJ over time.

This year's report focuses on the NCJFCJ's work in its 69th year, a unique milestone for any organization. The NCJFCJ was established in 1937 by judges motivated to provide resources to their colleagues across the nation who were responsible for hearing juvenile court cases. The goal of our founding fathers was to provide training for juvenile court judges, and to that end, the NCJFCJ began to provide annual judicial education courses. The membership function of the organization was supported by the judges themselves. In fact, a letter I received recently from an early NCJFCJ President recalled the tedious and time-consuming work involved in chronicling the work of the membership function of the organization—himself.

Over the years, the NCJFCJ has grown in focus, size, and capacity. As we look forward to our 70th anniversary, the membership has been expanded from a focus on judges only to building and embracing its associate membership. The work has expanded from its original juvenile justice focus to include domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, substance abuse, family law, and other issues which comprise juvenile and family court practice. The staff, once nonexistent and later focused on support functions, is now comprised of national experts in their field, sought after for their experience, knowledge, and ability to assess practice and provide needed resources to courts in terms of training, technical assistance, and research.

Although the offices of the NCJFCJ formerly existed in the home of the current year's president, our offices now span cities across the nation – Reno, Nevada; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Washington, D.C. Although formerly the "staff" of the NCJFCJ consisted of the officers of the organization, today there are more than 110 staff serving the members, funders, colleagues, partners, and participants of the organization's educational programs.



The organization has grown in focus and size over the years, but one of the key reasons for the NCJFCJ's establishment has remained the same: the need for judges and other system professionals to connect with one another, to share ideas, to discuss challenges and successes, and to network across jurisdictions. Judges and others who work in the system often

find themselves isolated from one another, or at a minimum confined within the established practices and procedures of their own jurisdictions. This isolation or compartmentalization has driven NCJFCJ members, conference participants, and others whom we serve toward networking with one another in order to build relationships that will stand over time and support their "out-of-the box" thinking. At various times, members have indicated that their work with the NCJFCJ has been the highlight of their careers and has provided the support they needed to implement new practices and procedures in their own jurisdictions. NCJFCJ membership provides a home for new ideas, a safe place to share innovations and strategies, and a forum for support when challenges addressed have not led to positive solutions.

As we complete our 69th year and move toward our 70th anniversary, the NCJFCJ continues as a resource and safe home for professionals striving to improve not only their own daily practice, but the experience of those within the system in which they serve. This annual report documents some of that work as we move into our 70th year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary V. Mentaberry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mary V. Mentaberry



Mary Mentaberry holds the basket for a young participant who will draw the winning raffle ticket at the October 19th event.

Juvenile and Family Law Department

In 2006, the NCJFCJ's Juvenile and Family Law Department (JFLD) continued to support NCJFCJ's broad-based continuing education and training mandate to the juvenile and family court field through state-of-the-art training, technical assistance, research, and production of educational resources for the benefit of children, families, and communities. Whether at national conferences for 1,000 participants or small, intensive workshops for 20, the JFLD continues to provide cutting-edge training in areas such as delinquency, substance abuse, child custody and visitation, graduated sanctions, disproportionate minority contact, juvenile sex offenders, mental health, child support enforcement, and a host of other topics in juvenile and family law.

In addition to regional, state, and local training programs, the JFLD oversees the educational components of several of NCJFCJ's national conferences, including:

- The 33rd National Conference on Juvenile Justice (co-sponsored with the National District Attorneys Association), which convened in Denver, Colorado, March 26-29, 2006, drawing 900 participants;
- NCJFCJ's 69th Annual Conference, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 16-19, 2006 for 400 judges and related juvenile justice professionals.

Throughout 2006, JFLD worked on the practical implementation of the 16 Key Principles contained in the *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases*, a benchbook of key principles and best practices throughout the juvenile delinquency court process published in 2005. Implementation is characterized by information dissemination to 48 courts, and initi-

ation of Model Delinquency Court sites on a contractual basis. These Delinquency Model Court sites implemented the *Guidelines* with direct JFLD assessment, planning, technical assistance and evaluation support. A National Peer Advisory Committee, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, provides guidance to the project at both policy and practice levels.

The training and resource needs of non-judicial court personnel have long been a special focus of the Department. These professionals benefit from the multidisciplinary training designed for juvenile court services, detention, and probation management personnel presented in programs such as "The 25th Annual Juvenile Probation and Justice Management Conference," held September 17-20 in Providence, Rhode Island. The JFLD also works with the University of Nevada, Reno in implementing UNR's unique Master's program in Justice Management with a focus available in Juvenile Justice Management.

In addition to national conferences, the JFLD offers intensive, week-long seminars for judges in Reno through the financial assistance of OJJDP. In 2006, judges attending "Evidence in Juvenile Court" and "Core College: The Role of the Judge" were able to receive credit toward a Master's or Doctorate degree in Judicial Studies offered through the University of Nevada, Reno.

For the second consecutive year, JFLD collaborated with the National Judicial College to offer the four-day course, "Managing Challenging Family Law Cases," to judges. The Department's Alcohol and Other Drugs Division (AOD) continued to provide training and technical assistance to jurisdictions

either planning or implementing juvenile drug courts through the Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Initiative, funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and OJJDP. In 2006, a total of 337 professionals were trained in seven training events around the country. The AOD Division also conducted on-site technical assistance for 27 jurisdictions on juvenile drug court-related topics and as a component of the Juvenile Drug Court Planning Initiative. The AOD Division also conducted the week-long "Judicial Response to Alcohol and Other Drugs" in Reno for 24 participants.

In 2006, the Juvenile Sanctions Division continued its efforts to promote more widespread implementation of graduated sanctions by developing two online tools, which provide an overview of graduated sanctions and links directly to specific programs and other services dealing with sanctioning intervention options. The first National Training on Graduated Sanctions was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 7-10, 2006 for more than 350 juvenile justice professionals. JFLD also collaborated with our research arm, NCJJ, in adding a compilation of all state statutes and rules of court addressing sanctions to NCJJ's State Profiles website.

The JFLD continues to provide technical assistance information through its Technical Assistance Resource Center. A library and database of practice-focused documents provided assistance to more than 1,105 information requests in 2006. In addition, the monthly Internet publication, *Brevity on the Net*, was disseminated electronically to more than 3,000 subscribers, highlighting juvenile and family justice resources.

"Gave me new insights to what is happening in family law. Great ideas and resources were presented that I wasn't aware of before this course."

Program Participant
*"Managing Challenging Family Law Cases:
 A Practical Approach"*
September 2006



The Family Violence Department (FVD) continues to provide cutting-edge training, technical assistance, and policy development, while engaging in a significant effort to address complex issues surrounding domestic and family violence. It effectively impacts systemic change through these efforts and by facilitating the collaborations of domestic violence professionals on a national level.

Special Content Areas

National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV)

The NJIDV, funded by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), is a joint project of FVD and the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF). The NJIDV provides a continuum of judicial education in the area of domestic violence with a basic Enhanced Judicial Skills (EJS) course and a more advanced Continuing Judicial Skills (CJS) course. The NJIDV represents the most recent iteration of the OVW-funded judicial education project that has been providing judges skill-based domestic violence workshops since 1999.

The Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody

The Resource Center provides technical assistance, training, policy development, and publications in the special issue area of child protection and custody in adult domestic violence cases. One of the highlights in 2006 was the national conference, "Changing the Buzz: From Impact of Harm to Power of Assets for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence." The purpose of the conference was to expand the knowledge of culture as a source of strength for pro-

tection and intervention; provide a forum for dialogue on the diverse components of background that intersect in the lives of youth; and develop strategies to engage communities in enhancing the lives of children exposed to domestic violence.

Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program

The FVD has two projects funded under the federal Supervised Visitation Program. The first project provides targeted technical assistance to planning grantees who are seeking to initiate supervised visitation services in domestic violence cases. Through the Technical Assistance for Court Specific Activities project, the Department is creating a curriculum that will be used to help grantee communities facilitate court involvement and foster community collaboration around supervised visitation and safe exchange. This project focuses primarily on providing technical assistance to the court partners in all of the Supervised Visitation Program grantee communities.

A Framework for Enhanced Judicial Response in Domestic Violence, Child Custody & Visitation Cases

The Framework project partners the Department with the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence and OVW to develop a resource for judges to address best practice in supervised visitation and custody matters involving domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or dating violence. The goal of the project is to facilitate improved outcomes by increasing judicial understanding of how to balance the safety needs of children and their abused parents with the rights of parents to have access to their children.

Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice (Greenbook)

Funded since 2000 by OVW, the Greenbook project focuses on developing collaboration and communication within and among juvenile courts, the child protective system, and domestic violence services. The Greenbook project offers communities a guiding framework to develop interventions and measure progress as they seek to improve responses to battered women and their children who are in contact with these systems.

Full Faith and Credit: Making It Happen

The FVD's Full Faith and Credit project is funded by OVW and focuses primarily on domestic violence protection orders at both the issuing and enforcement stages. The FVD, in partnership with the National Center on Full Faith and Credit, the Battered Women's Justice Project, and OVW, developed "Domestic Violence and Firearms: A National Summit for Community Safety" to provide participants with fundamental information about domestic violence and firearms and efforts to create safer communities and homes for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Enhancing Judicial Skills in Cases Involving Abuse and Sexual Assault Against the Elderly

The OVW-funded Elder Abuse project is a collaborative effort of the FVD, the National Sheriffs' Association, and the National District Attorneys Association. The project's goal is to enhance the safety of elderly individuals and to ensure greater perpetrator accountability for abuse and sexual assault of these victims.



"The Resource Center provides a wealth and depth of information that is not easily obtainable from any other resource or location. The information that they provide me is relevant, timely, and high quality."

Judge Eugene M. Hyman
Superior Court of California
San Jose, California

Permanency Planning for Children Department

The Permanency Planning for Children Department (PPCD) is committed to improving court and systems practice in child abuse and neglect cases. Since its inception in 1974, the PPCD has taken a leadership role in facilitating and guiding court and systemic improvement efforts to achieve safe, timely, and permanent outcomes for our nation's abused and neglected children.

2006 PPCD Highlights

During 2006, PPCD staff made a number of presentations at local, state and national level conferences on Court Performance Measurement, Best Practices, Child Well-Being and Practice Assessment and Evaluation. Technical assistance and outreach efforts have also expanded and focused on the need for cross-system collaborations. With additional funding from the Casey Family Programs, the PPCD is further developing Technical Assistance Briefs focused on educational outcomes for children in care. The Mental Health/Legal Issues Committee has significantly enhanced outreach activities to various national medical, dental, and mental health organizations. As a result, the NCJFCJ has taken a leadership role in the Healthy Foster Care America Initiative in preparation for presentations at conferences in early 2007.

Victims Act Model Courts

The PPCD Model Courts Division continues to expand in scope and influence. In 2006, the largest All-Sites Conference to date was held in Reno, successfully bringing Model Courts together for educational workshops, networking, and information sharing. Discussion at the earlier Lead Judges meeting focused on strategies to support the ongoing growth and

enhancement of the VAMC projects. The All-Sites Conference week also celebrated the Tenth Anniversary of the *RESOURCE GUIDELINES*, with plans for an anniversary publication that will outline the impact of the VAMC project on federal policy and court reforms.

Child Abuse and Neglect Institute

During 2006, the PPCD trained 50 judges at two concurrent sessions of the Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (the largest Institute to date). The CANI curriculum is being increasingly recognized, and has provided guidance and support to a number of state judicial educators and CIP representatives to adapt the CANI curriculum for state use. The PPCD is also working on adapting the CANI curriculum for a distance learning environment, with support from the State Justice Institute.

Other Projects

The PPCD, in collaboration with the National Center for State Courts and the National Association of Counsel for Children, has been involved in a study of parents' representation in dependency cases for the State of Colorado as part of the Colorado Court Improvement Program Respondent Parents' Council Task Force.

In partnership with the American Bar Association and NCSC, the PPCD participated in forums and assistance for jurisdictions affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita through the HHS' Hurricane Assistance Project. The PPCD also posted a web forum on the NCJFCJ website to facilitate discussion and communication for hurricane-affected jurisdictions.

PPCD research staff began project activities for assessments of child abuse and neglect

court practices in three Northern California counties through the Packard California Assessment Project funded by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

The PPCD joined with the NCSC and the ABA to create the National Court and Child Welfare Collaborative. The Collaborative will be involved with training and technical assistance, Child and Family Services Reviews, and two new Court Improvement Program grants, as well as developing a national curriculum related to CIP goals and needs.

Publications

During 2006, the PPCD published and disseminated the following:

- *Juvenile and Family Court Journal, Special Issue on Child Trauma*
- *Summit Proceedings of the National Judicial Leadership Summit, Justice for Children: Changing Lives by Changing Systems*
- *Status Report 2005: A Snapshot of the Child Victims Act Model Courts Project*
- *Back to Basics: Fundamental Application of the RESOURCE GUIDELINES and the ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY GUIDELINES in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases*
- *Mini-Summit on Court Performance Measures Summary*
- *Toolkit Volumes on Court Performance Measurement for Child Abuse and Neglect Cases*
- *Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence: A Guide to Research and Resources*
- *Technical Assistance Brief: A Judicial Checklist for Children and Youth Exposed to Violence*

"Model Court provides an opportunity for courts to understand the importance of the Resource Guidelines to effective practice in dependency cases. It also provides an excellent opportunity for those courts to share their successes and to learn about the successes of others in our continuing search to find better ways to serve the children and families who appear before us."

Judge Michael Nash
Superior Court, Juvenile Division
Los Angeles, California



The National Center for Juvenile Justice is the Research Division of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Since its founding in 1973, NCJJ has been dedicated to strengthening the effectiveness of juvenile and family justice systems and improving the quality of justice for children and families. NCJJ works to accomplish this mission through research and technical assistance supported by federal, state, and private funding.

NCJJ concentrates its efforts in three general areas:

- **Systems Research:** Guiding and improving policy development and practice through the analysis and dissemination of statistical information on juveniles and juvenile justice.
- **Legal Research:** Keeping juvenile justice professionals informed of significant developments in juvenile and family case law; conducting comparative analyses of state juvenile code provisions; and tracking the history of legal changes in juvenile and family justice.
- **Applied Research:** Developing publications and other resources that address issues of importance to juvenile justice policy makers and practitioners; documenting structure and practice in every state; and conducting evaluations and assessments designed to help courts and probation departments solve problems arising from their day-to-day operations.

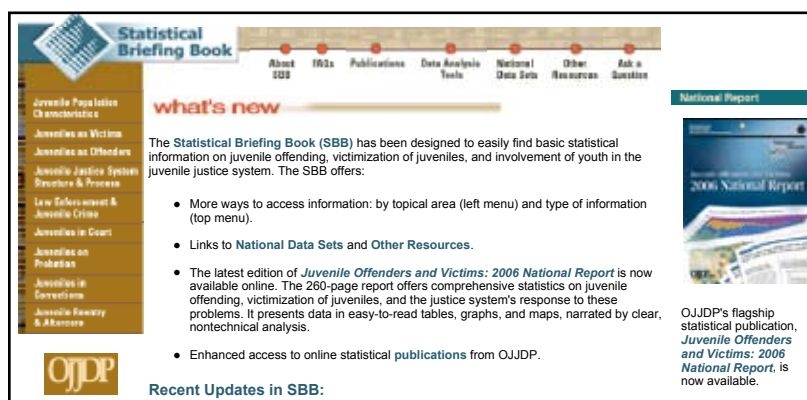
In 2006, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention published *Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report*, the third in a series of landmark publications. Authored by NCJJ’s Howard Snyder and Melissa Sickmund, this val-

ued report assembles the best available statistical information on juvenile crime and the juvenile justice system. Since its first edition in 1995, this publication series has been the most referenced in the field of juvenile justice, used by students; academic researchers; local, state, and federal policy makers; and even in briefs presented to the U.S. Supreme Court.

NCJJ is one of a select number of national grantees involved in the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s Models for Change initiative, which seeks to accelerate movement toward a more rational, fair, effective, and developmentally appropriate juvenile justice system through targeted reform investments in key states. NCJJ serves as “Technical Resource Center” for the initiative, supporting strategic planning efforts in targeted states, establishing baseline measures, documenting the implementation of work plans, monitoring progress, and developing materials and resources that can be used by other states wishing to learn from Models for Change system reform efforts. As a vehicle for disseminating information about Models for Change to a national

audience, NCJJ created a website (<http://modelsforchange.net/>), which describes the goals and strategies of the initiative, profiles its partners across the country, and posts resources relating to its target issues and the work being done to address them.

At the request of Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee, the state advisory group on juvenile justice issues, NCJJ is producing a series of “white papers” addressing the goals of Pennsylvania’s balanced and restorative justice system. The first white paper, *Advancing Competency Development*, defined principles, practices and outcomes for competency development. The second white paper, *Advancing Accountability: Moving Toward Victim Restoration*, takes the position that accountability requires juvenile offenders to repair the harm caused by their offending behavior and to understand and acknowledge the wrongfulness of their actions, their responsibility for causing harm, and the impact of the crime on the crime victim and community. It identifies system responsibilities, restorative practices, and outcomes relative to accountability.



“I will miss not needing you to always answer the phone and help . . . Your precision and rock solid certainty is a thing of beauty, honed over the years . . .”

Barbara Allen-Hagen, OJJDP Senior Social Science Analyst, at her retirement, commenting on her many years working with NCJJ.

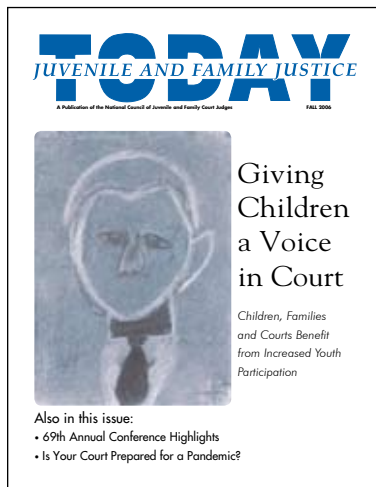
Membership

From attending trainings and working on committees to being trained as faculty and serving in a leadership role, NCJFCJ's more than 1,900 members from around the country play a vital role in the organization. In addition to juvenile and family court judges, referees, masters, and commissioners, the membership of the NCJFCJ includes court administrators, probation officers, counselors, social workers, and many other related professionals. Although their perspectives may differ, their goals are the same: to administer effective and enlightened justice, to rehabilitate troubled youths and families, to protect abused and neglected children, and to be an advocate for their best interests.

All NCJFCJ members have the opportunity to serve on committees such as Alcohol and Other Drugs, Judicial Ethics, Mental Health/Medical-Legal Issues, Disproportionate Representation of Minority Children in Out-of-Home Placements, among others to lend their professional perspective and expertise to addressing the challenges faced by juvenile and family court systems in these areas.

Non-judicial professionals hold associate NCJFCJ membership, and many are also members of the National Juvenile Court Services Association, an affiliate of the National Council. The NJCSA, a membership organization for court personnel has, since 1972, worked toward improving the skills and proficiency of professionals in the juvenile justice system.

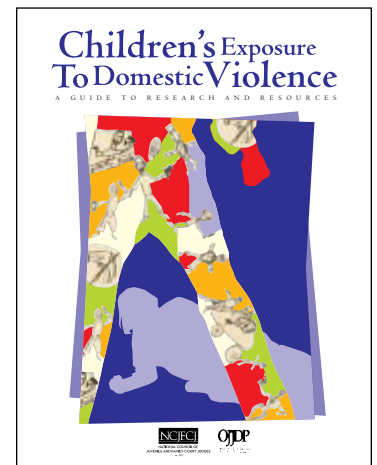
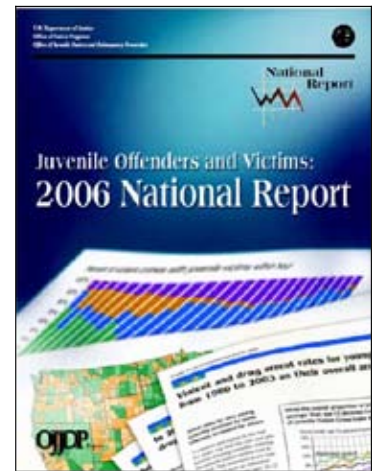
Publications



In addition to our long-standing serial publications—the monthly *Juvenile and Family Law Digest*, quarterly *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, and quarterly *Juvenile and Family Justice Today*—the NCJFCJ publishes a variety of publications that focus on the changing field of juvenile and family justice.

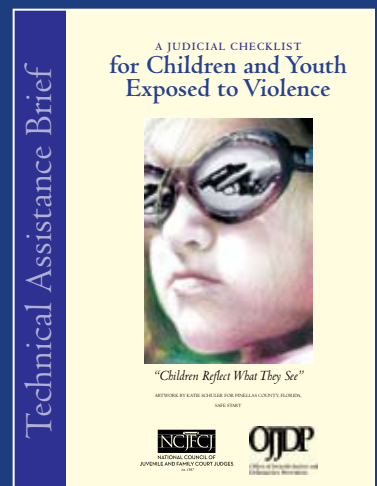
Other valuable resources published in 2006 included publications on children exposed to domestic violence and violence in general, advancing accountability and competency development in young offenders, a special Journal issue focused on child trauma, and the latest edition of *Juvenile Offenders and Victims, 2006 National Report*.

These publications can be ordered or accessed at NCJFCJ's website (www.ncjfcj.org), which provides the latest information on the organization's projects, publications, and conferences, as well as many other valuable resources for juvenile justice professionals.



“Participation in NCJFCJ activities allows for wonderful opportunities for personal development (such as serving as faculty and taking part in the development of written materials) and enables you to ‘bring back home’ valuable ideas to improve local systems.”

*Judge Ernestine S. Gray, NCJFCJ Past President
New Orleans, Louisiana*



National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
and Affiliates
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

REVENUES

Federal and state sources	\$13,028,398
Foundation sources	1,137,638
Other sources and contributions	73,400
Dues and subscriptions	276,113
Investment income	230,212
Registration fees	356,272
Other revenue	<u>423,017</u>
 Total revenue	 15,525,050

EXPENSES

Personnel	8,430,978
Travel	1,640,703
Contracts and honorariums	1,084,742
Subrecipients/contractuals	946,000
Equipment leases and maintenance	97,889
Supplies and operating expenses	2,526,479
Other Council activities	497,282
Interest expense	9,899
Depreciation	<u>84,330</u>
 Total expenses and losses	 <u>15,318,302</u>
 Change in net assets	 206,748
 NET ASSETS, October 1, 2005	 <u>3,189,155</u>
 NET ASSETS, September 30, 2006	 <u>\$ 3,395,903</u>

Note: Please see September 2006 Audit Report for complete presentation and notes to the financial statements.

Sources of Support

Agencies, Foundations, Organizations

Support from foundations, corporations, federal, state, and local agencies, and individuals is vital to the work of the NCJFCJ. The NCJFCJ gratefully acknowledges those organizations and individuals who have generously contributed during 2006, enabling the NCJFCJ to continue in its leadership role in the area of juvenile and family justice. This list is inclusive of the generous individual donors who have made gifts to specific projects, departments, or issues, or in honor or memory of others.

Alternate Behavioral Services
 American Bar Association Center for Children and the Law
 Annie E. Casey Foundation
 Center for Children and Family Futures
 Center for Effective Public Policy
 E.L. Cord Foundation
 John Shaw Field Foundation
 Handel Information Technology, Inc.
 Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation
 State of Illinois
 Juvenile Correction Education School Services Unit of the Pennsylvania Department of Education
 Juvenile Court Resources Inc.
 Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania
 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
 State of Maryland
 McKinney Foundation
 Media Matrix, Inc.
 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV
 State of Missouri
 National Center for State Courts
 State of Nevada
 State of New York
 State of Ohio
 Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
 Oregon State Bar
 Orleans Parish, New Orleans
 Penn, Schoen & Berland
 Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
 Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
 Scaife Family Foundation
 City of Sparks, Nevada
 State Justice Institute
 Charles H. Stout Foundation

Supreme Court of California
 Supreme Court of Ohio
 Synergy Communications
 Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption
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 University of Pennsylvania
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 Children's Bureau
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