



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

Utah

IN YOUR
STATE



2021

In 2020, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) continued to provide quality education to judges and other judicial professionals despite the limitations imposed by COVID-19. Through webinars, Zoom calls, and other virtual methods, the NCJFCJ maintained its role as the national leader in judicial education and continued to provide the knowledge and skills that improve the lives of families and children who seek justice.

- In 2020, the NCJFCJ offered multiple training and technical assistance opportunities for **Utah's** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals who work to protect **Utah's** children, families, and victims in our communities. Nationwide, the NCJFCJ provided training to 9,673 participants and fulfilled 840 requests for technical assistance.
- 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.
- The **Utah Court Improvement Program (CIP)**, in collaboration with the NCJFCJ, is conducting a follow-up study to evaluate the **Utah** courts' current Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) compliance.
- The NCJFCJ provided training to a judicial professional from **Utah** on helping domestic violence survivors with interstate custody and relocation cases.
- 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.
- 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 35 Judicial and Associate Members in **Utah**.
- Judge **Angela F. Fonnesebeck** of **Logan** is an NCJFCJ Board Director. Judge **Sharon McCully (Ret.)** of **Salt Lake City** is an NCJFCJ Past President.

National Impact

In 2020, the NCJFCJ fulfilled more than **840** requests for technical assistance and trained more than **9,673** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals across the nation.

Areas of Focus

- ▀ **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**
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
- ▀ **Linking Systems of Care for Children & Youth**
Promoting healing for victims of crime through trauma-informed prevention and intervention services
- ▀ **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 & Its Link to Violence**
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

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