



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR
STATE



Arizona

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The *National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges* (NCJFCJ) continues 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 2021, the NCJFCJ fulfilled six requests for technical assistance.
- In 2021, the NCJFCJ trained 120 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Arizona's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The Judicial Engagement Network (JEN) Fellowship Program allows judges to enhance their skills as judicial leaders within the court and in their communities around domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking issues. A judge from **Tucson** is a Fellow in the second class of the JEN Fellowship Program, which was extended into 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A judge from **Surprise** is a Fellow in the third class of the JEN Fellowship Program, which began in 2021.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Gila River Indian Community Children's Court**, under the leadership of **Judge Kami Hart**, to improve practice in the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, reduce the number of children in foster care, and improve outcomes for children in care.
- **Arizona** judicial system professionals participated in the NCJFCJ's Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Virtual Information Expo, a national educational summit.
- Judicial system professionals from **Arizona** participated in the Capacity Building Center for Courts: Judicial Academy on Reasonable Efforts. The two-day virtual instruction focused on interactive simulations in a classroom environment with experts to help refine judges' skill in determining reasonable efforts measures.
- **Arizona** judicial system professionals received training on continuous quality improvement by using data to improve the courts' handling of dependency hearings.
- **Arizona** judicial system professionals received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Arizona** 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 **Arizona** contributes juvenile court data to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).
- The NCJFCJ has 61 Judicial and Associate Members in **Arizona**.
- **Judge Kathleen Quigley** of **Tucson** is a Board Director of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Stephen Rubin (Ret.)** of **Tucson** is an NCJFCJ Past President.

National Impact

In 2021, the NCJFCJ fulfilled more than **529** requests for technical assistance and trained more than **5,749** 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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