



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR  
STATE



# California

# 2022

## 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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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 31 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2021, the NCJFCJ trained 343 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **California's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Santa Clara County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC) Team**, which is implementing the *Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines* and other key recommended practices.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt** (under the leadership of **Judge Joyce Hinrichs**), the **Superior Court of California, County of Orange** (under the leadership of **Judge Joanne Motoike**) and the **Hoopa Valley Tribal Court** (under the leadership of **Judge Leona Colegrove**) 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.
- **California** judicial system professionals received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- As an activity of the Enhanced Resource Guidelines (ERG): Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases project funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the NCJFCJ provides dependency data capacity assessments to the ERG Implementation Site in **Orange County**.
- **California** judicial system professionals participated in the NCJFCJ's Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Virtual Information Expo, a national educational summit.
- The **San Jose NCJFCJ Mentor Child Abuse and Neglect Model Court** and the **Los Angeles NCJFCJ Child Abuse and Neglect Model Court** are recognized for their efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children, juvenile offenders, and their families.
- The NCJFCJ has 44 Judicial and Associate Members in **California**.
- **Dr. Robert A. Simon** of **San Diego** is an NCJFCJ Board Director. **Mark A. Krasner**, Founding Partner at Blanchard, Krasner & French, of **La Jolla**, is a Board Director and a Sustaining Member of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Michael Nash (Ret.)** of **Los Angeles** and **Judge Leonard P. Edwards (Ret.)** of **San Francisco** are NCJFCJ Past Presidents. National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) Past President **Judge Richard Blake** of **Hoopa** and **Judge Katherine Lucero** of **San Jose** are 2021 Days on the Hill Delegates for the NCJFCJ.

## 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.

