



Delaware

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 three requests for technical assistance.
- In 2021, the NCJFCJ trained 56 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Delaware's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **New Castle County Family Court** in **Wilmington**, under the leadership of **Judge Michael Newell**, 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.
- The NCJFCJ provided a training on the Family First Prevention Services Act for judicial officers attending the **Delaware Family Court Retreat**.
- **Delaware** judicial system professionals received training on the unique role of supervised visitation and safe exchange in the family court system.
- A **Delaware** judicial system professional received training on continuous quality improvement by using data to improve the courts' handling of dependency hearings.
- The NCJFCJ provided training to the **Delaware** family law bench and related stakeholders on the link between animal abuse and interpersonal violence and on considerations of pet welfare in family law cases.
- A **Delaware** judicial system professional received training on teen dating violence, social media, and the misuse of technology.
- A **Delaware** judicial system professional received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Delaware** 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 landscape of juvenile justice in **Delaware** 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).
- The NCJFCJ has 47 Judicial and Associate Members in **Delaware**.
- **Chief Judge Michael Newell** of **Delaware** is a Board Director of the NCJFCJ and a 2021 Days on the Hill Delegate.

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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