



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

# District of Columbia

IN YOUR  
STATE  
**2022**

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 12 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2021, the NCJFCJ trained 32 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect the **District of Columbia's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia 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.
- **District of Columbia** judicial system professionals participated in the NCJFCJ's Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Virtual Information Expo, a national educational summit.
- **District of Columbia** judicial system professionals received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- A judicial professional from the **District of Columbia** participated in the 5 Ways Different Court Stakeholders Can Use Public Health Data and Resources to Address Substance Use Disorders webinar series.
- Judges and justice system professionals from the **District of Columbia** 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.
- A **District of Columbia** judicial system professional received training on the unique role of supervised visitation and safe exchange in the family court system.
- The **District of Columbia** contributes juvenile court data to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).
- The landscape of juvenile justice in the **District of Columbia** is detailed through the Juvenile Justice Geography Policy Practice and Statistics website ([JJGPS.org](http://JJGPS.org)), a project of the NCJFCJ's research division, the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ).
- The NCJFCJ has 29 Judicial and Associate Members in the **District of Columbia**. **Georgetown Law** is a Law School Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Judge Hiram Puig-Lugo** of the **District of Columbia Superior Court** is the President 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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