



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR  
STATE



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# Montana

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 two requests for technical assistance.
- In 2021, the NCJFCJ trained 59 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Montana's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- **Montana** is a Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care (LSC) for Children and Youth Technical Assistance project site and works with the NCJFCJ to provide prevention and intervention services to child and youth victims of crime and their families and to build capacity within communities to meet the needs of youth exposed to violence through coordinated, holistic services that promote healing.
- **Montana** judicial system professionals participated in the NCJFCJ's Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Virtual Information Expo, a national educational summit. They received information on innovations and best practices on trauma-informed preventions and interventions and on reaching and effectively serving children and youth who have experienced trauma and victimization.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Chippewa Cree Tribe Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Team**, which is implementing the *Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines* and other key recommended practices. The NCJFCJ provides targeted support through court assessments; onsite court observation; strategic planning activities; peer-to-peer learning; and individualized training.
- A **Montana** judicial system professional received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- **Montana** judicial system professionals participated in the Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR) Program Grantee Orientation webinar.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Montana** 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 **Montana** contributes juvenile court data to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
- The NCJFCJ has seven Judicial and Associate Members in **Montana**.
- **Donald B. Gimbel of Livingston** is a 2021 Days on the Hill Delegate, a Sustaining Member, and the Treasurer of the NCJFCJ. **Judge John W. Parker of Great Falls** 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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