



North Carolina

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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 76 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **North Carolina's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Charlotte 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.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Rowan County District Court**, under the leadership of **Judge Beth Dixon**, 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.
- **North Carolina** judicial system professionals participated in the NCJFCJ's Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Virtual Information Expo, a national educational summit.
- **North Carolina** judicial system professionals received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- Judicial system professionals from **North Carolina** participated in the 5 Ways Different Court Stakeholders Can Use Public Health Data and Resources to Address Substance Use Disorders webinar series. Judges, juvenile probation administrators, attorneys, and social service administrators learned how to use public health data to better address substance use disorders in their communities.
- **North Carolina** judicial system professionals received training on the unique role of supervised visitation and safe exchange in the family court system.
- A **North Carolina** judicial system professional received training on teen dating violence, social media, and the misuse of technology.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **North Carolina** 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 **North Carolina** 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 23 Judicial and Associate Members in **North Carolina**.

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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