



# New Jersey

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 one request for technical assistance.
- In 2021, the NCJFCJ trained 27 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **New Jersey's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Newark NCJFCJ Child Abuse and Neglect Mentor Model Court** is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children, juvenile offenders, and their families.
- With funding support from the NoVo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **New Jersey multi-site court collaboration**, including **Atlantic, Camden, Ocean, and Passaic Counties** to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- **New Jersey** judicial system professionals received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- A judicial system professional from **New Jersey** participated in the 5 Ways Different Court Stakeholders Can Use Public Health Data and Resources to Address Substance Use Disorders webinar series. Participants learned how to use public health data to better address substance use disorders in their communities.
- A **New Jersey** judicial system professional received training on teen dating violence, social media, and the misuse of technology.
- A **New Jersey** judicial system professional participated in a webinar about motivational interviewing skills for Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC) teams and learned about the NCJFCJ's new resources on using motivational interviewing skills to support JDTC participant behavior change.
- A **New Jersey** judicial system professional received training on the unique role of supervised visitation and safe exchange in the family court system.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **New Jersey** 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 **New Jersey** 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 145 Judicial and Associate Members in **New Jersey**.
- **Judge David B. Katz of Newark** is a Board Director and the President-Elect of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Carmen A. Ferrante (Ret.) of Totowa** is an NCJFCJ Past President.

- ▶ **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

**Contact information:**  
Joey Orduña Hastings, CEO  
jhastings@ncjfcj.org

P.O. Box 8970  
Reno, NV 89507  
(775) 507-4777

[NCJFCJ.org](https://www.ncjfcj.org)



## 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.