



# New Mexico

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 trained 55 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **New Mexico's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Pueblo of Pojoaque 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.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Pueblo of San Felipe Contemporary Tribal Court**, under the leadership of **Judge Mekko Miller**, 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.
- Judicial system professionals from **New Mexico** participated in the Capacity Building Center for Courts: Judicial Academy on Reasonable Efforts. The two-day virtual instruction focused on interactive simulations in a classroom environment with experts to help refine judges' skill in determining reasonable efforts measures.
- A **New Mexico** judge received training on trafficking risk factors, victim identification, effective intervention strategies, and cultural considerations by participating in the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking.
- **New Mexico** judicial system professionals participated in the NCJFCJ's Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Virtual Information Expo, a national educational summit.
- **New Mexico** judicial system professionals received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- A **New Mexico** judicial system professional received training on the unique role of supervised visitation and safe exchange in the family court system.
- A **New Mexico** judicial system professional received training on teen dating violence, social media, and the misuse of technology.
- **New Mexico** judicial system professionals participated in the Considerations for Reopening Juvenile and Family Courts: Operational Procedures webinar. The training explored considerations for the physical and environmental safety of juvenile and family courts as they return to in-person operations.
- The state of **New Mexico** 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 25 Judicial and Associate Members in **New Mexico**.
- **Judge John J. Romero, Jr. (Ret.)** of **Albuquerque** 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

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## 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.