



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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New York

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 18 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2021, the NCJFCJ trained 238 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **New York's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ leads the Firearms Technical Assistance Project (FTAP) in **Brooklyn**. The FTAP works with a team of local stakeholders to promote the effective implementation of firearms restrictions in domestic violence cases at the federal, state, and local levels.
- The Judicial Engagement Network (JEN) Fellowship Program allows judges to enhance their skills as judicial leaders within the court and in their communities around domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking issues. A judge from **Buffalo** is a Fellow in the second class of the JEN Fellowship Program, which was extended into 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A judge from **Nassau County** is a Fellow in the third class of the JEN Fellowship Program, which began in 2021.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Suffolk County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Team**, which is implementing the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines and other key recommended practices.
- With funding support from the NoVo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **New York City Family Court** to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- In partnership with the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, the NCJFCJ conducted a juvenile probation data capacity assessment for **Dutchess County** and provides technical assistance to improve data use and dissemination.
- **New York** judicial system professionals received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- **New York** judicial system professionals received training on teen dating violence, social media, and the misuse of technology.
- **New York** judicial system professionals participated in the Considerations for Reopening Juvenile and Family Courts: Operational Procedures webinar.
- The NCJFCJ participated in **New York's** Youth Justice Institute's forum on COVID and youth in the justice system.
- The NCJFCJ has 32 Judicial and Associate Members in **New York**.
- **Judge Jane Pearl** of **New York City** is an NCJFCJ Board Director. **Judge Erik Pitchal** of **Brooklyn** is a 2021 Days on the Hill Delegate for the NCJFCJ. **Alicin Reidy Williamson**, Chief Inclusion Officer at Endeavor in **New York City**, is on the Amicus Council of the NCJFCJ.

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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