



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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Ohio

2022

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 26 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2021, the NCJFCJ trained 182 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Ohio'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 **Clark County, Cuyahoga County, and Montgomery County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Teams**, which are participating in a large-scale research project to determine whether or not juvenile drug treatment court practices produce positive outcomes for youth and families.
- The NCJFCJ conducted a trauma assessment for **Mahoning County** to assess court practices and determine the extent to which the court is using trauma-informed approaches.
- With funding support from the NoVo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **Lucas County Juvenile Court** to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- **Ohio** judicial system professionals received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- The NCJFCJ leads the Firearms Technical Assistance Project (FTAP) in **Columbus**. 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 NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Cuyahoga County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Team**, which is implementing the *Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines* and other key recommended practices.
- **Ohio** 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.
- A judicial system professional from **Ohio** participated in the 5 Ways Different Court Stakeholders Can Use Public Health Data and Resources to Address Substance Use Disorders webinar series.
- The NCJFCJ has 128 Judicial and Associate Members in **Ohio**.
- **Judge Anthony (Tony) Capizzi** of **Dayton**, **Judge David Stucki (Ret.)** of **Brewster** and **Judge James Ray (Ret.)** of **Waterville** are NCJFCJ Past Presidents. **Judge David A. Hejmanowski** of **Delaware** is a Board Director and a 2021 Days on the Hill Delegate for the NCJFCJ. **Judge Denise Navarre Cubbon** of **Toledo** is the NCJFCJ's Amicus Council Chair 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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