



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 108 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Tennessee's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- 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 **Nashville** is a Fellow in the second class of the JEN Fellowship Program.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County**, under the leadership of **Judge Dan H. Michael**, to improve the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, reduce the number of children in foster care, and improve outcomes for children in care.
- **Tennessee** judicial system professionals received training on opioids and the challenges associated with intervention, treatment, and prevention.
- The NCJFCJ, with funding from the State Justice Institute, selected **Sumner County** as an Enhanced Juvenile Justice Guidelines demonstration site, which works on case processing timeframes.
- **Tennessee** judicial system professionals received training on continuous quality improvement by using data to improve the courts' handling of dependency hearings.
- A **Tennessee** 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.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Tennessee** 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.
- **Tennessee** judicial system professionals participated in the Considerations for Reopening Juvenile and Family Courts: Operational Procedures webinar.
- The state of **Tennessee** 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 104 Judicial and Associate Members in **Tennessee**.
- **Judge Dan Michael** of **Memphis** is the President of the NCJFCJ, Board Director, 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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