



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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Texas

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 41 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2021, the NCJFCJ trained 722 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect Texas' children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Travis County NCJFCJ Mentor Model Court for Children and Families** is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children, juvenile offenders, and their families.
- Through the Firearms Technical Assistance Project (FTAP), the NCJFCJ provides ongoing technical assistance to the **Bexar County Civil District and County (Criminal) Courts** and the **Collaborative Commission on Domestic Violence**, which focuses on the development and implementation of improved responses to firearms in domestic violence cases.
- The Judicial Engagement Network (JEN) Fellowship Program allows judges to enhance their skills as judicial leaders within the court and in their communities on domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking issues. A judge from **Bexar County** is a Fellow in the third class of the JEN Fellowship Program, which began in 2021.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Child Protection Court of Rio Grande Valley West**, under the leadership of **Judge Carlos Villalon, Jr.**, and to the **Coastal Bend Children's Court**, under the leadership of **Judge Jamie Rawlinson**.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Bexar County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Team**, which is implementing the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines and other key recommended practices. The NCJFCJ also provides targeted support to the **Grayson County** and **Tom Green County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Teams**.
- With funding support from the NoVo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **Texas multi-site court collaboration**, including **Travis, Hidalgo, Webb, Duval, Jim Hogg, and Zapata Counties** to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- The **Travis County Juvenile Probation Department** is one of four jurisdictions receiving training and technical assistance as part of an OJJDP Second Chance Act award made to the NCJFCJ's partner, the Performance-based Standards (PbS) Learning Institute.
- The NCJFCJ has 71 Judicial and Associate Members in Texas. **PACE Youth Programs, Inc.**, located in **Houston**, is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Judge Robert R. Hofmann** of **Mason** is an NCJFCJ Board Director, and **Judge Aurora Martinez Jones** of **Austin** is an NCJFCJ Board Director and a 2021 Days on the Hill Delegate. **Justice Darlene Byrne** of **Austin** and **Judge Patricia A. Macias (Ret.)** of **El Paso** are NCJFCJ Past Presidents. **Steven Holloway** of **Pace Youth Programs, Inc.** in **Houston** is a Sustaining Member 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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