



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR
STATE



2023

Minnesota

- In 2022, the NCJFCJ fulfilled 18 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2022, the NCJFCJ trained 50 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Minnesota's** children, families, and survivors in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Dakota County 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, on-site 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 **Second Judicial District Court of Ramsey County** (under the leadership of **Judge DeAnne Hilgers**) and the **White Earth Tribal Court** (under the leadership of **Judge David DeGroat**). The project is designed 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.
- The NCJFCJ partners with the **University of Minnesota Duluth** and statewide stakeholders in carrying out the State and Tribal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Implementation Grant to create an ICWA implementation plan to be applied statewide and improve ICWA compliance. This work includes research, analysis, and technical assistance.
- **Minnesota** judicial system professionals participated in the NCJFCJ's Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (CANI). The institute delivers exemplary instruction on the knowledge and skills necessary to preside over effective child abuse and neglect court processes and to improve outcomes for children and families involved in the child welfare system.
- Judicial system professionals from **Minnesota** participated in Courts in the Era of #WeToo: How Judges and Court Managers Can Cooperate to Address Gender-Based Harassment and Abuse, a new training curriculum for courts on addressing workplace harassment. This new curriculum focuses on responding to harassment in the judicial environment while centering the safety, respect, and dignity of people who work in — or who are regularly engaged with — the court.
- **Minnesota** judicial system professionals participated in the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training Series, which explored the historical and current challenges that racial and ethnic disparities pose for youth in the juvenile justice system and in juvenile drug courts.
- **Justice Anne K. McKeig** of **Federal Dam** and **Judge Jamie L. Cork** of **Hastings** are Board Directors of the NCJFCJ. **Our Family Wizard** in **Minneapolis** is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- The NCJFCJ has six Judicial Members in **Minnesota**.

National Impact

In 2022, the NCJFCJ fulfilled over **600** requests for technical assistance and trained approximately **7,000** 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
- **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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