



New Jersey

2023

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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- In 2022, the NCJFCJ fulfilled two requests for technical assistance.
- In 2022, the NCJFCJ trained 34 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **New Jersey's** children, families, and survivors in our communities.
- The **Newark NCJFCJ Child Abuse and Neglect Mentor Model Court** is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children, juvenile offenders, and their families.
- With funding support from the NoVo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **New Jersey multi-site court collaboration**, including **Atlantic, Camden, Ocean, and Passaic Counties**, to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- **New Jersey** 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 **New Jersey** 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.
- A **New Jersey** judicial system professional participated in a webinar on the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center Judicial Bench Card.
- A **New Jersey** judicial system professional received training on promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **New Jersey** 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.
- The state of **New Jersey** contributes juvenile court data to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).
- **Judge David B. Katz** of **Newark** is the President of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Carmen A. Ferrante (Ret.)** of **Totowa** is an NCJFCJ Past President.
- The NCJFCJ has 146 Judicial and Associate Members in **New Jersey**.

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.

