



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR
STATE



Utah

2023

- In 2022, the NCJFCJ fulfilled one request for technical assistance.
- In 2022, the NCJFCJ trained 22 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Utah's** children, families, and survivors in our communities.
- The **Salt Lake City NCJFCJ Mentor Child Abuse and Neglect Model Court** is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children, juvenile offenders, and their families.
- **Utah** judicial system professionals participated in the Zero to Three Trauma Assessment in **Salt Lake City**. The assessment examined current court practices through hearing observations, focus groups, and an environmental scan in order to make recommendations regarding how the court can become more trauma-informed.
- A **Utah** judicial professional 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.
- The NCJFCJ provided training to Utah judges and other court personnel as part of the Juvenile Judges' Spring 2022 conference in **Salt Lake City**. The training included a presentation of trend data from NCJJ/NCJFCJ's National Juvenile Court Data Archive of which Utah data has been a part for many years.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Utah** 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.
- **Utah** 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.
- The state of **Utah** contributes juvenile court data to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This national project of the NCJFCJ provides detailed and accurate information on the activities of the nation's juvenile courts to juvenile justice professionals, policy makers, researchers, and the public.
- **Judge Angela F. Foncesbeck** of **Logan** is an NCJFCJ Board Director. **Judge Sharon P. McCully (Ret.)** of **Salt Lake City** is an NCJFCJ Past President.
- The NCJFCJ has 40 Judicial and Associate Members in **Utah**.

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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