



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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- In 2022, the NCJFCJ fulfilled 22 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2022, the NCJFCJ trained 119 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Washington's** children, families, and survivors in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ leads the Firearms Technical Assistance Project (FTAP) in **Spokane**. The FTAP works with a team of local stakeholders to promote the effective implementation of firearms restrictions in domestic violence cases at the federal, state, and local levels.
- With funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the juvenile and family court in **King County** to enhance juvenile and family court responses to human trafficking.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Clark County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Team**, which is implementing the *Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines*. The NCJFCJ provides targeted support through court assessments, on-site court observation, strategic planning activities, peer-to-peer learning, and individualized training.
- The NCJFCJ completed its work with **Olympia**, under the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Meeting the Needs of Self-Represented Domestic Violence Survivors in Custody and Visitation Cases Project. The NCJFCJ delivered a customized Model Custody and Visitation Guide and an online course for self-represented litigants based on the guide.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Quinault Indian Nation**, which is in the planning stages of implementing the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Spokane County Family Court** (under the leadership of **Judge Michelle Ressa**), to the **Suquamish Tribal Court** (under the leadership of **Judge Cindy Smith**), and to the **Thurston County Superior Court** (under the leadership of **Judge Christine Shaller**).
- **Justice Bobbe J. Bridge (Ret.)** of **Seattle** is a Board Director and Sustaining Member of the NCJFCJ. Justice Bridge and **Judge Barbara Mack (Ret.)** of **Seattle** were 2022 Days on the Hill Delegates.
- The NCJFCJ has 19 Judicial and Associate Members in **Washington**. The **National CASA/GAL Association for Children**, headquartered in **Seattle**, is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.

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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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.

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