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The Ready Resource Providing Up-To-Date Information and

Resources to Improve Judicial Responses to Intimate Partner Violence

Announcing Our

New Name JEDI-DV Judicial Education Development Initiative on Domestic Violence: From Concepts to Improved Court

Responses

Same Innovative Educational Programming, Leadership Forums, and Peer-to-Peer Learning Opportunities for Judges and Judicial Officers, New Name

Development Initiative on Domestic Violence (JEDI-DV): From Concepts to Improved Court Responses. After almost 25 years of being known as Comprehensive Training and Technical Assistance to Judges on Domestic Violence, the

project name change to JEDI-DV represents the educational and

NCJFCJ is pleased to announce the Judicial Education

peer-to-peer learning journey that judges and judicial officers embark on when they access and receive training, technical assistance, and resources from JEDI-DV. JEDI-DV's educational journey provides judges and judicial officers with an evolving menu of options to customize their educational

includes virtual and in-person training and technical assistance programming, forums, and opportunities, which are highlighted in this newsletter. **National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence** (NJIDV)

NJIDV is the hallmark of JEDI-DV's judicial educational journey, which

is a partnership with Futures Without Violence and which has trained

more than 20,000 judges and judicial officers, and celebrates its 25th

anniversary in 2024! NJIDV consists of the Enhancing Judicial Skills

journey to complement their demanding schedules and dockets and

in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) and the Continuing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (CJS) workshops. EJS includes six major segments, covered over a 4-day period, that encompasses

principles of adult education: (1) Practical Courtroom Exercises; (2)

Victim and Perpetrator Behavior; (3) Fact-Finding; (4) Access to

Justice; (5) Fairness and Cultural Issues; and (6) Decision-Making. The CJS workshops are specifically designed for judges and judicial officers who have completed EJS, encompasses principles of adult education, and offers an opportunity for in-depth discussion and education on specific topics, over the course of 1-2 days: immigration, domestic relations and child custody, criminal matters, civil protection orders, effective accountability, cyberviolence, and improving responses for cases involving persons with disabilities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the last EJS was held in February 2020. We hope to hold one EJS in Spring 2023. Please visit <u>njidv.org</u> for more information about NJIDV and upcoming EJS and CJS workshops. **NJIDV: Cultivating Core Competencies** for Team Teaching and Facilitation This online faculty development course is a new initiative of NJIDV, just recently launched, and a partnership with Futures Without Violence. It represents NJIDV's commitment to offering diverse expert faculty teams for judicial education programs, which are uniquely designed to offer an interactive experience integrating specific content created for a judicial audience. For more information,

NCJFCJ's Judicial Engagement Network, a partnership with the Center for Court Innovation, and a network for judges, by judges, launched in 2016. The JEN identifies and brings together judges and

judicial officers to promote cutting-edge practices that result in better

outcomes for families and provides opportunities for judges and

judicial officers to craft and hone their leadership skills, promotes

next generation of judges and judicial officers. The JEN:

social values, and supports passing knowledge and expertise to the

boasts a dedicated website, <u>judicialengagementnetwork.org</u>, with

Judicial Engagement Network (JEN)

please contact Jennifer Arsenian at jarsenian@ncjfcj.org.

a designated membership forum that allows JEN judges and judicial officers to access on-demand information and peer exchanges; offers the <u>JEN Fellowship Program</u>, launched in 2018, for judges and judicial officers who propose and lead projects that focus on creating systems change in communities and courts to address the intersections of domestic violence and the impact of racial injustice and bias within systems, institutional barriers to access to justice, or the COVID-19 pandemic and has graduated three cohorts of Fellows:

connecting with peers, and facilitated conversations to explore new strategies for their court systems; the last JEN Summit was held in 2019, but we hope to host one in Winter 2023; and is exploring the creation and implementation of state JEN chapters.

The Ready Resource: Providing Up-to-Date Trainings and Resources for Judges and Judicial Officers

(Ready Resource)

The Ready Resource newsletter provides relevant information about

the JEDI-DV's current events, new and helpful resources, upcoming

assistance and training resources related to improving responses to

trainings for judges and judicial officers, and customized technical

hosts the JEN Summit, which highlights promising practices and

the work of the JEN Fellows, infuses new energy into JEN, and

reinvigorates judges and judicial officers through idea-sharing,

intimate partner violence. **Courts During Community Crisis Toolkit** - Reflections on Systems Resilience: A Focus on Cases Involving **Abuse**

This <u>new virtual toolkit</u> launched, in response to the COVID-19

pandemic and in September 2021, by the NCJFCJ through its JEDI-

DV project reflects a collaboration with leading judges and judicial

officers across the nation to develop a court toolkit that examines

abuse and that sets forth 10 Guiding Principles to assist judges and

Responses, and Meaningful Accountability) are the foundation of the

Court Transitions Toolkit, addressing shortfalls uncovered by the

systems' resilience and reforms with a focus on cases involving

judicial officers amid a crisis. The Guiding Principles (Safety,

Wellness, Context, Equity and Access, Voice and Choice,

Leadership, Collaboration, System Assessments, Effective

pandemic, while protecting the integrity of proceedings, promoting access to justice, ensuring due process, and providing well-informed decision-making. It is updated quarterly with the newest innovative practices, procedures, policies, and data related to navigating the COVID-19 pandemic and includes: interactive exercises and activities to help judges and judicial

officers determine when and how to hold domestic violence, child

abuse and neglect, or juvenile cases virtually/remotely, at the

practice tips, pointers, and examples of crisis-specific resources

and materials developed by judges and judicial officers, courts,

proceedings, evidentiary issues and remedies, and feedback and

engagement, leadership, and decision-making in civil protection

and leading experts in their fields, including court standards,

rules and guidance, sample instructions for virtual court

survey tools to improve court system responses; and

new and emerging models and opportunities for judicial

order and dependency, family, and juvenile cases.

courthouse, or in a hybrid format;

Break from the Bench Break from the Bench is a monthly, recorded lunch and learn series that focuses on what judges and judicial officers need to know about domestic violence, provides digestible amounts of information within 45-minutes, and is uploaded to the JEDI-DV website. Featured topics include what a judge needs to know about ... DV AWARE (courtroom/courthouse security), firearms, cyberviolence, considerations for self-represented litigants experiencing domestic violence, responding to immigrant victims of domestic and sexual assault, creating equal justice for people with cognitive and intellectual disabilities in domestic and sexual violence cases, considerations when ordering supervised visitation in domestic violence cases, and recognizing context and coercive controlling abuse in intimate partner violence.

CST/3p.m. EST

Watch the **2021 Break from the Bench Series**

National Judicial Conversations on Domestic Violence

These virtual conversations for judges, by judges, allow judges and

judicial officers to engage in peer-to-peer discussions around

emerging and perennial issues of concern to judges and judicial

officers. As such, these conversations are not recorded. Past

conversations included a question and answer session with the

expert's from NJIDV's Podcast Series: Centering Children and the

roles and experiences of judges and judicial officers in addressing

obstacles they face in enhancing safety for families and a discussion

about risk identification in domestic violence cases. Visit the NJIDV

Ontario to discuss the impact of domestic violence on children.

Moderated by Aaron Polkey, Staff Attorney for Futures Without

understanding exposure to domestic violence for children in the

justice system, recognizing domestic violence when determining

Violence and hosted by NJIDV, these 20-minute discussions include

State-, Judge-, and Judicial Officer-Specific Technical

Assistance and Training on Domestic Violence

JEDI-DV offers customized in-person and virtual technical assistance

professionals seeking presentation assistance, workshop design,

research and resources, consultation, and peer-to-peer connections

and court-related professionals on case law, statutes, social science,

individualized consultation and on-site technical assistance to judges,

and model practices related to domestic violence; provide

and training to judges, judicial officers, and court-related

Next Up: Language Access and Best

Cases: presented by the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence

Practices for Courts in Domestic Violence

September 13 | 12 p.m. PST/ 1 p.m. MST/ 2 p.m.

2022 Series Registration Here

website for future national conversation opportunities. **Podcasts** The Centering Children, three-part podcast series features Dr. Peter Jaffe and Dr. Linda Baker from the Center for Research Education on Violence Against Women and Children at the University of Western

custody, and fostering resilience.

NCJFCJ'S LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

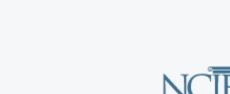
on domestic violence issues. JEDI-DV partners with the judge, judicial officer, court-related professional, and/or the state, local, or tribal jurisdiction to select the appropriate delivery method and to tailor the national NJIDV topics and materials to the appropriate audience, which provides a unique opportunity to increase access to quality programming and materials and to support improved practices at an individual and local level. The JEDI-DV will also conduct research for judges, judicial officers,

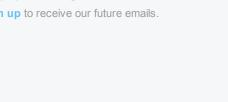
cases, and deal with emergency situations, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact info@njidv.org to request customized inperson and/or virtual technical assistance and training. This project was supported by Grant No. 2016-TA-AX-K026 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this website/publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the

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judicial officers, and court-related professionals seeking to change domestic violence practice in their courts and communities; and facilitate peer-to-peer conversations and opportunities to share emerging court and community practices, troubleshoot challenging court and community practices and policies in domestic violence Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, or the National Council of Juvenile and Family

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