

Arkansas

- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled one request for technical assistance in **Arkansas**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 21 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Arkansas's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- In collaboration with the **Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts**, the NCJFCJ's independent research arm, the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ), provided intensive data analysis and data capacity development to five counties examining racial and ethnic disparities in juvenile justice.
- One judicial officer from **Arkansas** attended the 2024 NCJFCJ Wellness Symposium – Centering Ourselves for Leadership. This Symposium provided participants with the opportunity to engage in honest conversations about what it means to be a judicial officer while developing practical tools necessary to avoid burnout and nurture personal resilience. The program is designed to prioritize wellness and support the process of increasing a judge's quality of life off and on the bench.
- Judicial system professionals from **Arkansas** participated in the Children and Youth and Engaging Men and Boys Program New Grantee Orientation hosted by the NCJFCJ's Technical Assistance to Technical Assistance Provider's (TA2TA) Resource Center and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).
- Judicial system professionals from **Arkansas** participated in the Rural, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program New Grantee Orientation hosted by the NCJFCJ's Technical Assistance to Technical Assistance Provider's (TA2TA) Resource Center and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Arkansas** 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 **Arkansas** 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.
- The landscape of juvenile justice in **Arkansas** is detailed through the Juvenile Justice Geography, Policy, Practice and Statistics website (JJGPS.org), a project of the NCJFCJ's research division, the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ). JJGPS is an online resource that tracks juvenile justice reform in each state, allowing for comparisons within and across states.
- The NCJFCJ has seven Judicial and Associate Members in **Arkansas**.

National Impact

In 2024, the NCJFCJ's work impacted approximately **4 million** families across the nation. Our publications amassed over **94,000** views, the team fulfilled over **150** requests for technical assistance, and trained over **15,000** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family-court related professionals across the nation.

- **Court Leadership & Education**
Educate judges, court professionals, and community members about leadership skills and best practices to improve the justice system
- **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 substance abuse
- **Animal Cruelty**
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 & Wellness**
Promoting judicial self-care and wellness for centering oneself for leadership

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