

Illinois

- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled one request for technical assistance in **Illinois**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 141 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Illinois's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ will host the 88th Annual Conference in **Chicago** on July 20–23, 2025.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **21st Judicial Circuit Court, Kankakee County** to improve practice in the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, reduce the number of children in foster care, and improve outcomes for children in care.
- At the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference in **Chicago**, approximately 30 attendees participated in a panel showcasing the efforts of the National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program.
- The **Cook County** Mentor Model Court is recognized for its efforts to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families.
- Judicial system professionals from **Illinois** attended the Lead Judges Meeting and All-Sites Conference where NCJFCJ Implementation Sites and Model Tribal Courts gathered to learn and collaborate. Participants engaged in action planning and developed strategies to help implement practices that align with the NCJFCJ's Enhanced Resource Guidelines.
- Multidisciplinary campus professionals representing student conduct, law enforcement, and prevention participated in the Office on Violence Against Women's Campus Training and Technical Assistance Institute (TTI), an opportunity extended to each campus grantee five times over the course of three years. These in-person institutes combined with webinars and intensive, customized support from national experts are designed to help college and university campuses enhance their capacity to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Illinois** 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.
- Judicial system professionals from **Illinois** 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).
- The NCJFCJ has 45 Judicial and Associate Members in **Illinois**.

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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