

Massachusetts

- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 56 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Massachusetts's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ will host the 2025 National Conference on Juvenile Justice in **Boston** this year on March 16-19, 2025.
- **Massachusetts** judicial system professionals participated in the NCJFCJ's Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (CANI). The CANI brought together an group of expert judicial faculty and subject matter experts to engage participants through instruction, case scenarios, and other active learning strategies. Some of the core topics of CANI include: the leadership role of the judge in child abuse and neglect cases; a review of federal laws and policies that drive the child abuse and neglect process; the Indian Child Welfare Act; reasonable efforts in judicial decision making; judicial ethics; and emerging issues in child welfare.
- A multidisciplinary court team from **Bristol County** participated in the NCJFCJ's National Multidisciplinary Institute on Child Sex Trafficking in August 2024.
- 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.
- Multidisciplinary professionals from **Massachusetts** participated in the NCJFCJ's Custody Evaluator Domestic Violence Institute and learned about the benefits and harms of the custody evaluation process for families experiencing domestic violence.
- The NCJFCJ CEO, **Joey Orduña Hastings**, attended the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference in **Boston**. There, she examined a wide range of court challenges including substance use disorder, intimate partner violence, allegations of abuse and alienation, child sexual abuse in custody matters, stepfamily dynamics, mediation, parenting coordination, and working with children.
- Judicial system professionals from **Massachusetts** 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).
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Massachusetts** 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 **Massachusetts** 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).
- The NCJFCJ has eight Judicial and Associate Members in **Massachusetts**.

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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