

Minnesota

- In 2024, the NCJFCJ fulfilled five requests for technical assistance in **Minnesota**.
- In 2024, the NCJFCJ trained 61 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Minnesota's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The NCJFCJ is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to provide targeted support to the **Dakota County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Team**, which is implementing the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines and other key recommended practices. The NCJFCJ provides targeted support through court assessments; onsite court observation; strategic planning activities; peer-to-peer learning; and individualized training.
- As part of the Tribal Model Court Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **White Earth Tribal Court** 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.
- The NCJFCJ provided a cross-site visit between Arizona and **Minnesota** courts to further develop ICWA courts.
- Two multidisciplinary court teams from **Dakota, Cook and Lake Counties** participated in the NCJFCJ's National Multidisciplinary Institute on Child Sex Trafficking in August 2024.
- The NCJFCJ's Field-Generated Strategies to End the Criminalization of Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking project, funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, provides direct training and technical assistance to The Link's Safe Harbor Program in the **Twin Cities West Metro Area**.
- One judicial officer from **Minnesota** 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.
- The Children's Justice Initiative (CJI) partnered with the NCJFCJ to deliver their flagship Child Abuse and Neglect Institute with a **Minnesota** focus to 50 juvenile court judicial officers. The Child Abuse and Neglect Judicial Institute (CANJI) provided exemplary instruction for new and experienced juvenile court judges on the substantive law and practice skills necessary to preside over high-quality, effective child abuse and neglect court proceedings. CANJI provided participants with emerging and promising practices to improve outcomes for children and families.
- A judge from **Minnesota** attended the NCJFCJ's National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV) 25th Anniversary Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) workshop.
- The NCJFCJ has 14 Judicial Members in **Minnesota**. **OurFamilyWizard** in **Minneapolis** is an Organizational Member of the NCJFCJ.
- **Judge Jamie L. Cork** of **Hastings** is a NCJFCJ Board Director. **Justice Anne K. McKeig** of **Federal Dam** is a Board Director of the NCJFCJ and served as a 2024 Days on the Hill Delegate.

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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