



The United States Secret Service reported, in 2020, that 35% of mass violence attackers had committed prior acts of domestic violence. This rate remained consistent with studies released in 2019 and 2018, when they were 32% and 30% respectively. *The U.S. Marshals Service reported that in 2021, individuals they protect (including federal judges, court participants, and officials) saw a 400% increase in threats since 2015. State court judges and court personnel in an increasing number of states have also been attacked or otherwise threatened.*

Are you ready to meet these challenges?

Are your judges, courts professionals and partners

DV AWARE?

Domestic Violence: Analysis, Warning, Action, Recovery, Engagement

If you are interested in **building the capacity** of your court and community to:

- **Understand elements of effective planning** for and response to domestic violence-related dangerous incidents in your court?
- **Analyze your readiness and capacity to respond** to domestic violence related dangerous incidents?

- **Consistently apply policies, practices and procedures** aimed at improving court/system readiness and response to threats?

The DV AWARE

Multi-Disciplinary Train-the-Trainer Curriculum

is for you!

WHAT IT IS

The [DV AWARE Project](#) is a partnership between NCJFCJ and the State Justice Institute, to develop a training program and tools which aims to improve juvenile and family courts' ability to:

- anticipate dangerous incidents associated with domestic violence,
- respond in a manner that mitigates these tragedies, and
- recover from violence in their courts with trauma-informed, healing strategies for the court and community.

The **Train-the-Trainer Curriculum**, delivered over the course of 3 full days, provides participants with the knowledge and tools to develop and implement their own training programs and ensure that their trainers are well-prepared to deliver effective and engaging training to multi-disciplinary court teams and partners. Although the DV AWARE Curriculum is comprehensive in nature, it is designed to be customized, with emphasis on strategic planning over passive learning.

WHO IS IT FOR

The **Train-the-Trainer Curriculum** is targeted to court-leadership that has a strong interest in building capacity in their courts, and among their court partners, to prevent and respond safely to threats and acts of violence.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Courts and communities will:

- gain a competent team of internal trainers capable of supporting current and future training needs.
- improve their ability to pass on specific knowledge from experienced employees to newer ones.

- become more adept at adapting to new challenges, potential threats, and changing environments.

Participants in the Train-the-Trainer model will:

- acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver this comprehensive training.
- become skilled at using adult learning principles, facilitation strategies, and training tools to communicate and deliver the material effectively.
- foster an environment where all feel welcome to improve their skills.

HOW CAN THE NCJFCJ HELP?

The NCJFCJ prepared this **Train-the-Trainer Curriculum** so that any office of judicial education or local jurisdiction could train their own colleagues and partners to successfully offer the DV AWARE training. However, NCJFCJ can support facilitation of this curriculum by:

- Conducting the Train the Trainer to your training team;
- Conducting the DV AWARE Curriculum for your court leadership and stakeholders; and/or
- Providing technical assistance and guidance to your office in using the DV AWARE curricula and tools (<https://www.ncjfcj.org/dv-aware/>)

Contact NCJFCJ!

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