

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

West Virginia

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National Impact

The following provides an overview of the NCJFCJ's work in 2025, which impacted approximately **4 million** families nationwide. During the year, NCJFCJ publications amassed more than **153,000** views, the team fulfilled nearly **400** requests for technical assistance, and over **10,000** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family-court related professionals were trained across the nation.

- In 2025, the NCJFCJ trained 23 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **West Virginia's** children, families, and survivors in our communities.
- Multidisciplinary campus professionals from **WVU Potomac State College** and **West Virginia University**, representing student conduct, law enforcement, and prevention, participated in the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) 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.
- One stakeholder from **West Virginia** participated in the Civil Protection Orders – Community Engagement Network Learning Communities, which brought justice-related professionals together to discuss challenges and strategies to address the intersections of protection orders with access to justice, firearms, and working with self-represented litigants.
- During 2024, **West Virginia** participated in a 50-state national overview of how courts are coordinating data and practice when young people have dual system status in youth justice and child welfare. Results were published in the fall of 2025.
- Multidisciplinary professionals from **West Virginia** attended the virtual Safe and Accessible Forensic Interviewing with Elders (SAFE) training hosted by the NCJFCJ's Family Violence and Domestic Relations Program (FVDR) through its Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) funded TA2TA: The Technical Assistance Provider Resource Center project.
- The state of **West Virginia** 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 **West Virginia** 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 two Associate Members in **West Virginia**.

- **Court Leadership & Education**
Educating 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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