

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGESWORK &  
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# Wisconsin

## 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 fulfilled two requests for technical assistance from **Wisconsin**.
- In 2025, the NCJFCJ trained 149 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Wisconsin's** children, families, and survivors in our communities.
- NCJFCJ team members worked with four **Wisconsin** judges and two judicial system professionals to create a Wisconsin-specific bench tool on the link between animal cruelty and interpersonal violence, which included Wisconsin-specific statutes, information about the link between animal cruelty and interpersonal violence, various factors to consider when handling family law cases where pet welfare may be an issue, and resources.
- Multidisciplinary campus professionals from **Carthage College**, **St. Norbert College**, and **Viterbo 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.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Wisconsin** 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.
- During 2024, **Wisconsin** 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.
- Two multidisciplinary professionals from **Wisconsin** attended the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Legal Assistance to Victims (LAV) and Expanding Legal Services Initiative (ELSI) New Grantee Orientations, which were supported and hosted by the NCJFCJ's TA2TA: The Technical Assistance Provider Resource Center.
- The NCJFCJ's Family Violence and Domestic Relations Program (FVDR) hosted its online faculty development course, Cultivating Core Competencies for Team Teaching and Facilitation that five judges from **Wisconsin** completed.
- Two judges from **Wisconsin** attended the National Judicial Education Workshop on Guardianship and Elder Abuse hosted by the NCJFCJ's Family Violence and Domestic Relations Program (FVDR) and its partner, Futures Without Violence.
- A multidisciplinary professional from **Wisconsin** 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 **Wisconsin** 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 NCJFCJ has 25 Judicial and Associate Members in **Wisconsin**.
- **Judge Ramona A. Gonzalez (Ret.)** of **La Crosse** is a Past President of the NCJFCJ. **Judge Layatalati Hill** of **Green Bay** served as a 2025 Days on the Hill delegate for the NCJFCJ.

- **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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