



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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STATE



2024

# New York

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled eight requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 269 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **New York's** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- With funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **Queens Community Justice Center** to enhance juvenile and family court responses to human trafficking.
- With funding support from the NoVo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **New York City Family Court** to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- Judicial officers from **New York** participated in the NCJFCJ's Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (CANI). The CANI brought together an outstanding group of expert judicial faculty and other subject matter experts to engage participants through exemplary 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.
- Judicial system professionals from **New York** attended the Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases (EJS) workshop. Participants engaged in practical courtroom exercises and learned about victim and perpetrator behavior and fairness and culture issues in domestic violence cases.
- Multidisciplinary professionals from **New York** participated in the Office on Violence Against Women's Campus Training and Technical Assistance Institute (TTI). These Institutes occur five times per year and are designed to provide college and university campuses with information, training, and resources to enhance their capacity to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campuses.
- Judicial system professionals from **New York** attended the NCJFCJ's Judicial Engagement Network (JEN) Leadership in Practice Summit. The Summit focused on highlighting strategies currently implemented by jurisdictions to promote, implement, and sustain positive systemic changes that improve court and community responses to intimate partner violence in civil and criminal settings.
- The NCJFCJ has 42 Judicial and Associate Members in **New York**.
- **Judge Jane Pearl** of **New York City** is an NCJFCJ Board Director. **Judge Erik Pitchal** of **Brooklyn** was a 2023 Days on the Hill Delegate. **Alicin Reidy Williamson**, Chief Diversity and Culture Officer at Yahoo! in **New York City** is on the Amicus Council of the NCJFCJ. **William C. Silverman** of **New York City** is a Sustaining Member of the NCJFCJ.

## National Impact

In 2023, the NCJFCJ work impacted approximately **4 million** families across the nation. The team fulfilled about **550** requests for technical assistance and trained approximately **7,500** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family-court related professional across the nation.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- ▶ **Diversity, Equity, and Justice**  
Diversifying the bench to better represent the children and families served
- ▶ **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 and 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 and Wellness**  
Promoting judicial self-care and wellness for centering oneself for leadership
- ▶ **Court Leadership**  
Equip judges, court professionals, & community members with knowledge & skills to improve the justice system

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