



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

IN YOUR  
STATE



2024

# Oregon

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled 13 requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 197 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Oregon'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 **Washington County** and **Lane County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Teams**, which are implementing the *Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines* and other key recommended practices. The NCJFCJ provides targeted support through court assessments; on site court observation; strategic planning activities; peer-to-peer learning; and individualized training.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Clackamas County Circuit Court**, under the leadership of **Judge Colleen Gilmartin**, 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.
- With funding support from the NoVo Foundation, the NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the **Clackamas County Juvenile Court** to identify and promote promising practices in juvenile and family courts to address child sex trafficking.
- Judicial system professionals from **Oregon** 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.
- **Oregon** judicial system professionals 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.
- Justice system professionals from **Oregon** attended the 2023 All Technical Assistance Provider Training and Technical Assistance for a Changing World meeting. Participants heard presentations on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, copyright and ownership of technical assistance resources, training and technical assistance for sexual assault service providers, and the use of social media to engage the community.
- Judges and justice system professionals from Oregon participated in the Multidisciplinary Child Abuse and Neglect Institute. Participants received training on reasonable efforts; preliminary protective hearing best practice; initial review hearings; permanency hearings; and understanding court data.
- The NCJFCJ has 60 Judicial and Associate Members in **Oregon**.
- **Judge Dale R. Koch (Ret.)** and **Judge Katherine Tennyson (Ret.)** of **Portland** are NCJFCJ Past Presidents. **Judge Tennyson** is also an NCJFCJ Amicus Council Member.

## 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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