



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

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2020

Arkansas

- In 2019, the NCJFCJ fulfilled seven requests for technical assistance.
- In 2019, the NCJFCJ trained 15 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect **Arkansas'** children, families, and victims in our communities.
- The **Sixth Judicial Circuit Court in Pulaski County**, under the leadership of **Judge Joyce Williams Warren**, and the **Eighteenth East Judicial Circuit Court in Garland County**, under the leadership of **Judge Wade Naramore**, are NCJFCJ Implementation Project sites. The NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to the courts to improve the handling of child abuse and neglect cases.
- The NCJFCJ conducted a trauma assessment for the **19th Circuit Court in Bentonville** to assist the court in becoming more trauma responsive and in implementing trauma-informed policy, practices, and environment.
- **Arkansas judicial officers** received highly interactive, cutting-edge training on how to improve the handling of domestic violence cases through the NCJFCJ's National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV).
- **Judges and justice system professionals from Arkansas** 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.
- Through the Juvenile Justice Reform Champions Convening, multidisciplinary teams from the **Sixth Circuit Court (Little Rock)** and the **19th Circuit Court (Bentonville)** received training from the NCJFCJ and the Annie E. Casey Foundation on the standard of care for secure, out-of-home placement; trauma and healing in the context of out-of-home placement; Ohio's RECLAIM initiative; and judicial leadership in developing community-based alternatives and partners.
- The landscape of juvenile justice in **Arkansas** 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 eight Judicial and Associate Members in **Arkansas**.

Areas of Focus

- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection & Custody**
Providing leadership on custody and protection in the context of domestic violence
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Family Court Enhancement Project**
Improving approaches in custody decision making in the context of domestic violence
- ▶ **Implementation Sites & Project ONE**
Approaching families holistically and improving outcomes for children in care
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National Impact

In 2019, the NCJFCJ fulfilled more than **820** requests for technical assistance and trained more than **6,600** judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals across the nation.

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