



Strengthening Tribal Courts: Impact of Domestic Violence on Youth

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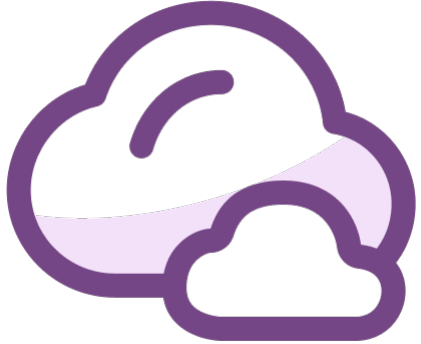
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What word would you choose to describe why you do what you do?

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#EveryCourtEveryChild

“What grounds us all is our devotion and commitment to children and families and amplifying the importance of an independent, well-trained and trusted judiciary. And that is the reason this organization is 88 years strong.”



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Areas of Focus

Behavioral
Health

Child Sex
Trafficking

Child
Welfare

Court
Leadership

DEI &
Justice

Domestic
Violence

Family
Law

Federal Policy
Education

Juvenile
Justice

Research
& DATA

Military-
Connected
Families

Tribal Courts
& ICWA

NCJFCJ's Mission-Values-Vision:

Mission

To provide all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice

Values

- **Compassion**
- **Leadership**
- **Education**
- **Community**

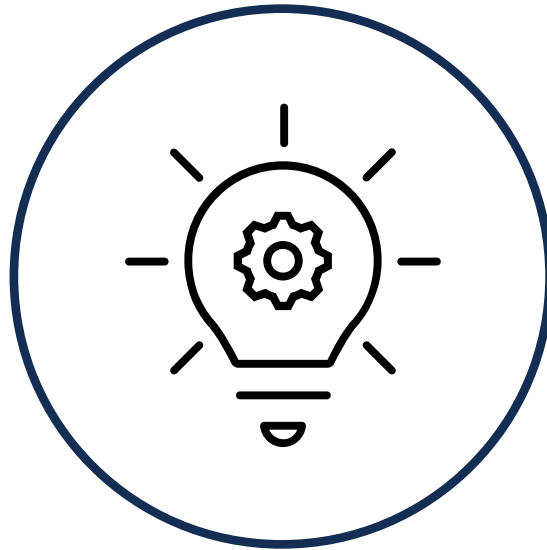
Vision

For a society in which every family and child has access to fair, equal, effective, and timely justice

NCJFCJ Impact



Oldest Judicial
Membership
Organization



30,000
Judges &
Professionals
Served



4 Million
Families Affected By
Our Work

About NCJFCJ:

- Main headquarters in Reno, NV
- 1937-2024 celebrated 88 years of service
- University of Nevada Reno (UNR) & National Judicial College affiliated
- National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ)-Research Division, in Pittsburgh, PA
 - 1973-2024 celebrated 51 years of service



Enhanced Resource Guidelines (ERG's):

- The ERG serves as the guiding resource for the Child Welfare department.
- Originally published in 1995, the ERG's detailed effective dependency court hearing practices, provided options for improved practice and guided juvenile and family courts in assessing and implementing improvements in the handling of child abuse and neglect cases.



ENHANCED RESOURCE GUIDELINES

Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases

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(ERG's) Continued:

- “The ERG’s will serve as the NCJFCJ’s blueprint for training on child abuse and neglect practices and is monumental in shaping the way courts handle cases to best serve the children and families involved in the court system,” said Melissa Gueller, NCJFCJ’s former program director for child abuse and neglect.
- To date, approximately over 40,000 copies of the original Guidelines have been distributed.



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10 Key Principles for Permanency Planning for Children



Keep Families Together



Ensure Access to Justice



Cultivate Cultural Responsiveness



Engage Families Through Alternative Dispute Resolution Techniques



Ensure Child Safety, Permanency, and Well Being



Ensure Adequate and Appropriate Family Time



Provide Judicial Oversight



Ensure Competent & Adequately Compensated Representation



Advance the Development of Adequate Resources



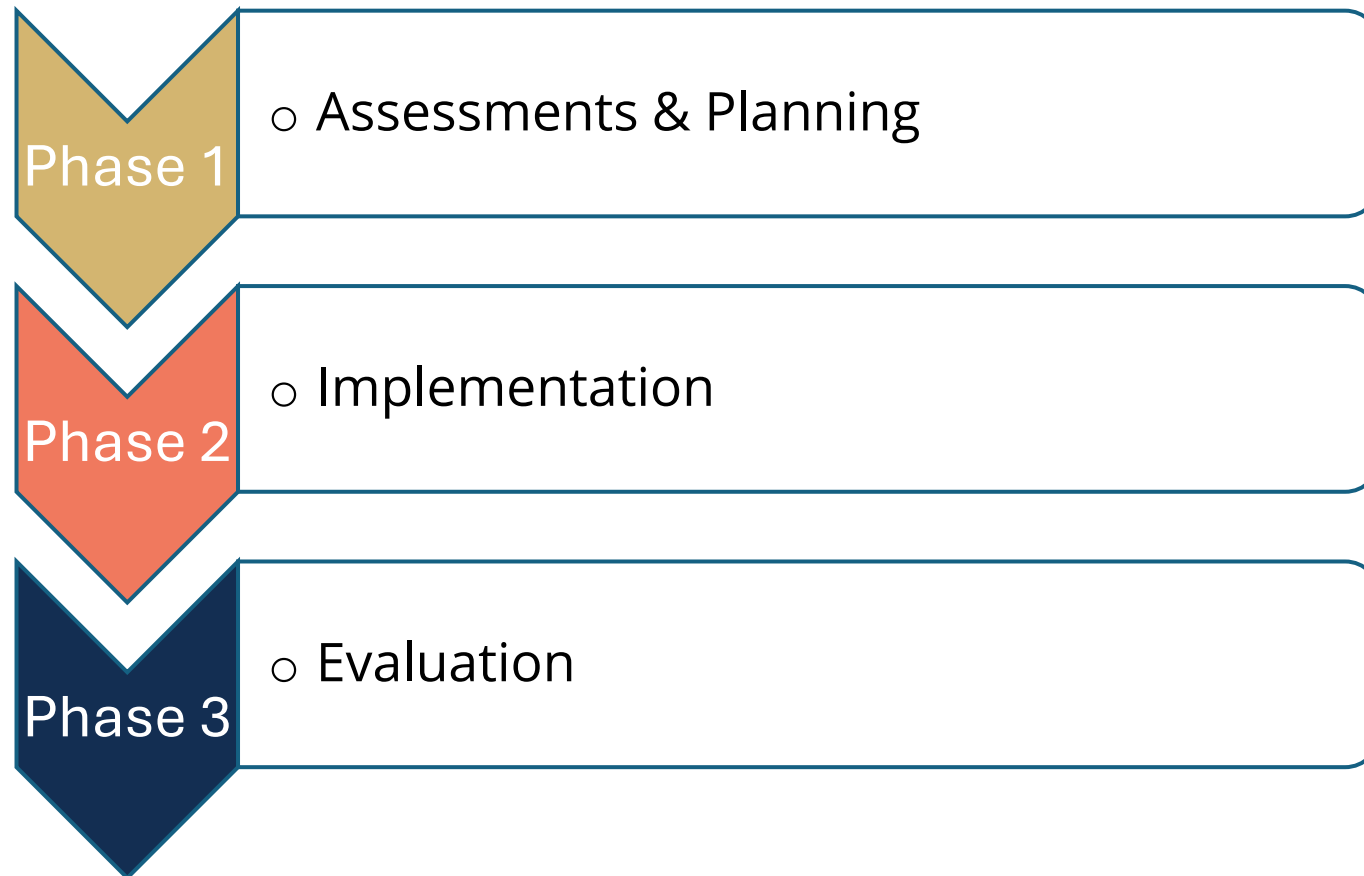
Demonstrate Judicial Leadership & Foster Collaboration

Implementation Sites Project Overview:

Through OJJDP funding, The Implementation Site project was developed in 2017:

- Two-year period
- Provides tailored training and technical assistance to courts
- Applies the Key Principles of Permanency Planning through the implementation of the ERG's recommended best practices
- Examines and improves current court systems and practices to better serve children and families
- Engage jurisdictions in cutting-edge program, policy, and initiative development

Implementation Sites Project:



Implementation Sites Project:

2023 application
process
announced to
courts nationwide

21 courts applied; 3
of which were
tribal

11 courts were
selected; 10 state
and 1 tribal

Implementation Sites Project:

Tribal Courts

Gila River
Indian
Community
Tribal
Court, AZ

(Mentor
Tribal
Court)


District
Court for
the
Choctaw
Nation of
Oklahoma,
OK

White Earth
Tribal
Court, MN

Wind River
Tribal
Court, WY

Suquamish
Tribal
Court, WA

Implementation Sites Project:



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IN YOUR
STATE

2024



Oklahoma

- In 2023, the NCJFCJ fulfilled eight requests for technical assistance.
- In 2023, the NCJFCJ trained 55 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals working to protect Oklahoma's children, families, and victims in our communities.
- As part of the Implementation Sites Project, the NCJFCJ provides targeted training and technical assistance to the **Tulsa County District Court**, under the leadership of **Judge Martha Rupp Carter**, to improve the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, reduce the number of children in foster care, and improve outcomes for children in care.
- The Judicial Engagement Network (JEN) Fellowship Program allows judges and judicial officers to enhance their skills as judicial leaders within the court and in their communities on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking issues. A judge from **Xenia** was in the fourth class of JEN Fellows and graduated from the JEN Fellowship Program.
- The NCJFCJ presented the Enhancing Responses to Domestic Violence Cases Technical Assistance and Training Program for the **Oklahoma** judiciary. Judicial officers learned how to evaluate the impact of domestic violence on adult victims/survivors and children who experience abuse/violence; discuss common tactics abusive partners employ to control intimate partners and families; and identify the protection and restoration requirements of domestic violence victims/survivors.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Oklahoma** participated in the NCJFCJ's Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (CANI). Core topics of the 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.
- Multidisciplinary professionals from **Oklahoma** 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 **Oklahoma** 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.
- Judges and justice system professionals from **Oklahoma** 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.
- The NCJFCJ has 17 Judicial and Associate Members in **Oklahoma**.
- **Judge Gregory Bigler of Okmulgee** was a 2023 Days on the Hill Delegate.

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.

Join the conversation

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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Requests for technical assistance in 2023



Judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals trained in 2023



Members

Workbook Activity



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**What are you already doing to get you
closer to your vision?**

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Workbook Activity

3-2-1 Notes

03 things I learned

02 resources I need

01 thing I will start using Monday morning

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Questions:



Thank You



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Join us here tomorrow @ 8:30 a.m. CT



8:30-9:30

Breakfast is served

9:00-9:15

Reflections from Day 1

9:15-10:30

Julia Roguski

10:45-12:00

Melisa Harris

1:00-2:15

Ron Whitener

2:30-3:45

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3:45-4:00

Closing Words



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