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Grantee Spotlight: Eviction Data Analysis and Accessibility: Supporting Shelby County Court Data Management



Neighborhood
Preservation,
Inc.

During the past two years, [Neighborhood Preservation, Inc.](#) worked with the City of Memphis and Shelby County to launch the local Emergency Rental Assistance program, a \$90 million program with a strong eviction prevention and legal services component. The SJI grant supported the development of court data tools to identify ERA applicants facing upcoming court eviction and pair them with legal representation... [Read more](#)

In the News

National Study Finds Expedited Action Rules Can Ease Civil Case Backlogs

Enforcing court rules that require expedited actions can improve fairness, cost, and efficiency in the civil justice system while also relieving case backlogs exacerbated by the pandemic, according to new findings released by national experts today. In its report, "[A Renewed Analysis of the Expedited Actions Rules in Texas Courts](#)," the Texas Office of Court Administration (OCA), National Center for State Courts and IAALS, the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, found that rules adopted by the Supreme Court of Texas in 2012 have expedited the resolution of cases—both before and after the pandemic... [Read more](#)

Rural Justice Innovations

Research shows rural Americans are more likely than urban residents to be jailed, to overdose, and lack access to substance use treatment, mental health care, and public health services. That's why it's so important to identify innovative solutions to address

justice inequality in rural communities. The [Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center](#), in partnership with the [National Center for State Courts](#), and [Rulo Strategies, LLC](#), authored the [Rural Justice Innovations](#) publication to highlight the inaugural group of nineteen Rural Justice Innovation sites selected by the [Rural Justice Collaborative](#) (RJC)... [Read more](#)

Announcements



New Webinar! The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) will be hosting: A

Renewed Commitment to Civil Case Management: Lessons Learned from Texas' Expedited Actions Rules on **April 19th, 2023, at 3:00PM EST**. This session will explore findings from the report, "A Renewed Analysis of the Expedited Actions Rules in Texas Courts." Panelists will provide an overview of the report and recommendations and discuss implications for improved civil justice in other jurisdictions. Register [here](#).



Eviction Diversion Initiative Grant Application Now Open! NCSC is now accepting applications for

the [Eviction Diversion Initiative Grant Program](#) through **Friday, April 21st, 2023**. Grants will be awarded to 6-9 state and local courts to launch or expand eviction diversion programs and transform the eviction court experience. EDI grant funds can be used to hire dedicated court staff to oversee the eviction diversion and court reform work and to build community partnerships... [Read more](#).



New Webinar! The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) will be hosting Peer Support in the New

England States on **May 3rd, 2023, at 3:00PM EST**. A panel of Peer Support Specialists from the New England states will share their stories and describe their job duties. The goal of this webinar is to raise awareness and better understand the capabilities and benefits of peer support services in the justice system. To register, click [here](#).



Upcoming Conference! The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ)

will be hosting their 86th Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD from **July 16-19th, 2023**, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. The conference will feature amazing presentations on current and cutting-edge topics that will inspire you, broaden your knowledge, and provoke discussions about issues facing the juvenile and family court system. To register, click [here](#).

If you are interested in sharing court related news or announcements in the SJI newsletter, please send all content to contact@sjj.gov by the 10th of the month.

Are you a SJI grantee interested in being featured in our monthly newsletter and on our website? Follow the instructions on our [Grantee Spotlight Submission Instructions page](#).



The next deadline to submit a grant application to SJI is **May 1, 2023**.

Learn more about [SJI grants](#) and [apply](#) today!



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