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## Grantee Spotlight: The Housing Navigator Program



The [Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance](#) (GNEA) and the [Iowa Judicial Branch](#) have partnered to support *The Housing Navigator Program*. The Navigator at GNEA assists their clients in finding sustainable forms of housing assistance in Story County, Iowa, with the aim of preventing homelessness. They work with clients holistically to determine which programs offered by the state they may qualify for, and then offer help to apply for those programs. The navigator has helped individuals apply for SNAP, CIRHA, LIHEAP, Social Security, and Medicaid, as well as rent... [Read more](#)

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## In the News

### FY 2024 2nd Quarter SJI Board Meeting

The FY 2024 2nd Quarter SJI Board meeting was held on April 8th, 2024, at the Nevada Supreme Court in Carson City, Nevada. Executive Director, Jonathan Mattiello, and

members of the SJI Board were joined by Justice Lidia S. Stiglich of the... [Read more](#)

## SJI Board Awards FY 2024 Second Quarter Grants

SJI received 14 grant applications requesting a total of \$1,800,068 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY 2024. The Board met on April 8, 2024, at the Supreme Court of Nevada to make decisions on those applications. During its meeting, the Board awarded five (5) Strategic Initiatives Grant to: 1) the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), in partnership with the Conference of Chief Justices, the Conference of State Court Administrators, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation to convene a national summit and provide technical assistance to arm state court leaders and their partners... [Read more](#)

## Rapid Response Team Releases New Guidance on Implementing AI Technologies

Courts seeking guidance on artificial intelligence (AI) now have access to two new resources, thanks to the AI Rapid Response Team (RRT). The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC)'s [Getting Started](#) and [Platform Considerations](#) resources provide practical interim guidance for courts on experimenting with AI tools, understanding how AI technologies use data, and evaluating contractual terms and conditions. "This new guidance enables courts to confidently take some initial steps in... [Read more](#)

## SJI Visits The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Last week, our Executive Director, Jonathan Mattiello, our Senior Program Advisor, Michelle White, and members of the SJI Board took a trip to the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), (NCJFCJ) in Reno, Nevada. Pictured with Joey Orduña Hastings, Chief Executive Officer of NCJFCJ, and Bill DeLisio, Deputy... [Read more](#)

## SJI Visits The National Judicial College (NJC)

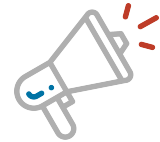
Members of the SJI Board, Executive Director, Jonathan Mattiello, and Senior Program Advisor, Michelle White, visited the [National Judicial College](#) (NJC) in Reno, Nevada on

April 9th, 2024. Pictured with President & CEO Hon. Benes Aldana (Ret.), Chief Academic Officer, Joy Lyngar, and Chief of Staff, Chrystn Eads... [Read more](#)

## Announcements



Upcoming Training! Join the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) for the *Recovering and Reuniting Families- Best Court Practices in Responding to Families Impacted by Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders* in Santa Fe, New Mexico on **May 2nd-3rd, 2024**. This free training would be a good fit for new and experienced judges who hear child welfare cases and who are looking to enhance their ability to implement best practices in responding to families affected by opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders (OUD/SUD). Register [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar! Join the [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) for *Navigating Leadership Webinar Series: A Productive Pair* on **May 8th, 2024, at 11:00AM EST**. In this session, you will explore the dynamics that must exist for an organization to be led by an effective productive pair. There are essential skills for successful productive pair leadership: building trust, creating clarity in decision-making, and communicating with direct conversations. To register now, and to view all of the webinars in this series, click [here](#).



[SJI Funding Toolkit](#): New Weekly Guide to Federal Grant Programs. Access the weekly guide to [Federal](#)



Apply now! The [Institute for Intergovernmental Research](#) (IIR), on behalf of the [State Justice Institute](#),

[Grant Programs](#) in one concise document, organized by topic area, and that highlights key information to help jurisdictions make decisions about whether to pursue these open funding opportunities. [The SJI Funding Toolkit](#) is designed to support local courts, state courts, and their justice system partners as they pursue federal and philanthropic funding opportunities. For more information, read more [here](#).

is pleased to announce a peer exchange opportunity on **June 13–14th, 2024**, in partnership with the [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA)'s [Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program](#) (COSSUP). Up to six communities will be selected to receive travel scholarships through SJI to participate. Submissions will not be accepted after **May 16th, 2024**. For more information and to apply, 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](mailto:contact@sjj.gov) by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 2024**.

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



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