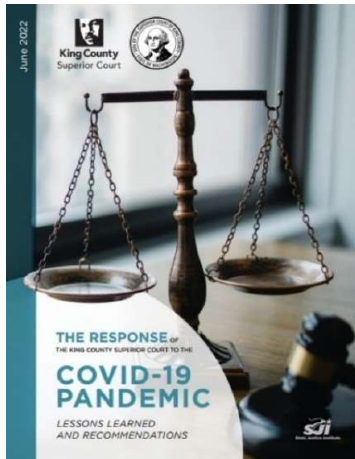




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Grantee Spotlight: King County Superior Court, Washington – The Response of the King County Superior Court to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons Learned and Recommendations



King County, Washington, was ground zero for the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. The Washington State Supreme Court suspended most court operations in all courts on March 18, 2020. Acknowledging access to justice is of critical importance, [King County Superior Court](#) (KCSC) leadership vowed to continue to hold matters on all case types, including jury trials, at the earliest time possible. With adapted operational procedures, new court technology, a public health plan, and legal community support, KCSC held over 300 jury trials, 1,000 bench trials, and countless hearings... [Read more](#)

In the News

Rural Justice Collaborative: New Video Released

In 2021, with support from [State Justice Institute](#), the [National Center for State Courts](#), in partnership with Rulo Strategies LLC, launched the Rural Justice Collaborative (RJC) to showcase the strengths of rural communities and highlight the cross-sector collaboration that is a hallmark of rural justice systems. These strengths include strong professional networks, deep ties to the communities they serve... [Read more](#)

NCSC Publishes Best Practices for Court Building Security 2022 Edition

Now in its fourth edition, [Steps to Best Practices for Court Building Security](#) delivers updated guidance on a diverse array of court security topics. Examples include recommendations for implementing remote hearings for in-custody defendants and

recommendations for security technology. The new release highlights how courts can integrate technology into building infrastructure—including security control centers, alarms, access control technology, and cameras. The updated guidance also incorporates greater attention to how architectural design can create safe separation and circulation for all court participants. The 2022 update also reinforces fundamental security concepts... [Read more](#)

New Resource! Engaging Parents and Youth with Lived Experience

The [National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare](#) (NCSACW), the [Children's Bureau](#) (CB) and the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) (SAMHSA) have collaborated to create: [Engaging Parents and Youth with Lived Experience: Strengthening Collaborative Policy and Practice Initiatives for Families with Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders](#). This resource provides key considerations for recruiting and engaging those with lived experience who were involved with child welfare associated with a substance use disorder or other mental health challenge. It also highlights considerations for engaging youth who have spent time in the... [Read more](#)

New IAALS Report: Strides in Legal Innovation, Oregon Greenlights Licensed Paralegal Program

The Oregon Supreme Court approved the [Licensed Paralegal \(LP\) Program](#), a program that will license individuals who aren't lawyers to provide limited legal services in family law and landlord/tenant issues, two areas with the greatest unmet need for legal assistance in the state. This makes Oregon the fifth state in the country to enlist a new tier of legal professionals in the effort to provide more access to legal help. The LP program will train paralegals to assist with a variety of legal issues, including divorce and separation, custody and parenting time, child and spousal support, and forced entry and wrongful... [Read more](#)

Announcements



Announcing the Launch of the Reaching Rural Initiative! On behalf of [The United States](#)

[Department of Justice](#), [OJP Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA); the [Centers For Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC); the [State Justice Institute](#) (SJI); the [National Association of Counties](#) and the [Institute for Intergovernmental Research](#), we are excited to share with you a new initiative, Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions. BJA, CDC, and SJI are

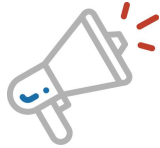


Upcoming Webinar! The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) will be hosting *Promoting*

Court Appearance with Procedural Fairness on Tuesday, August 16th from 1:00-2:00PM. This webinar will focus on procedural fairness as it relates to court appearance rates and how courts respond to missed appearances. Panelists will discuss how procedural fairness strategies can help promote voluntary compliance with court attendance and participation, and how courts

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can work to reduce or eliminate common barriers to appearance. To register now for this webinar, click [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar! The [National Judicial College](#) (NJC) will be hosting: *The Role of Risk Assessments & Evaluations in Sentencing Drug-Impaired Drivers* on Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 from 3:00-4:15PM EST. In this webinar, participants will cite the need for, and difference between, DUI specific assessment tools and identify how to best utilize them when sentencing drug-impaired drivers. To register now for this free online webinar, click [here](#).



Register Now! [Children and Family Futures](#) (CFF) will be hosting Family Treatment Court (FTC) Practice Academy 2022: *Beyond Counting: Strategies to Collect and (Actually) Use Your FTC Data* on August 30th, 2022 at 2:00PM EST. FTC teams use data to achieve equitable access and results, identify barriers to success, and support sustainability—all with the common purpose of improving outcomes for children, parents, and family members affected by substance use disorders. Register [here](#).

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