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Grantee Spotlight: National Center for State Courts: Blueprint for Racial Justice Initiative



The Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) issued a resolution in 2020 that called on courts to 'intensify efforts to combat racial prejudice within the justice system... and to recommit to examine what systemic change is needed to make equality under the law an enduring reality for all." What followed was the creation of the Blueprint for Racial Justice initiative (Blueprint). Led by a steering committee of members from CCJ and COSCA, staffed by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), and supported with funding from the State Justice Institute, the Blueprint is a national community of court professionals from around the... Read more

In the News

Blueprint for Racial Justice Introduces CORA

The National Center for State Courts (NCSC)'s Blueprint for Racial Justice, funded by SJI, recently launched one of its most ambitious and anticipated projects, Court Opportunity Recruitment for All (CORA). CORA is a web-based platform developed to broaden the diversity of the bench and bar by helping state courts recruit from a national pool of law students – and at the same time, provide law students a universal application process with access to court positions nationwide... Read more

New Findings From the "Understanding the Population of People With Frequent Jail Contact" Project

<u>Policy Research Associates</u> (PRA) is pleased to announce the findings from its recently completed project, "Understanding the Population of People with Frequent Jail Contact." This mixed-methods project examined the flow of people with frequent jail contact through the criminal legal system across three counties in the United States. The project assessed the counties' strategies to reduce frequent jail contact, especially the impact that those strategies had on People of Color and people with behavioral health... <u>Read more</u>

IAALS Releases National Framework for States to Create New Tier of Legal Professionals Who Can Offer More Affordable Legal Help

IAALS, the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System at the University of Denver, announced the release of its new report, Allied Legal Professionals: A National Framework for Program Growth. As part of IAALS' Allied Legal Professionals project—which is generously supported by the Sturm Family Foundation—this report includes multiple research-informed recommendations to help standardize a new tier of legal professionals across states, with the goal of increasing the options for... Read more

Announcements

New Webinar! The

National Center for

State Courts will be
hosting: The Promises

and Perils of AI in the Courts - AI
101 on August 16th, 2023, at
3:00PM EST. In this series of
webinars, court leaders and subjectmatter experts will demystify the
basics of AI (artificial intelligence)
and discuss its impact to the
practice of law and the courts. You'll
learn how AI can both help and
potentially harm the work of the
courts. Register here.

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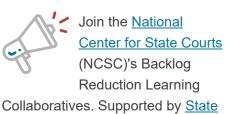
New Webinar! The

National Immigrant

Women's Advocacy

Project (NIWAP) will be hosting: Effective

Protection Orders For Immigrant
Survivors on August 17th, 2023, at
3:00PM EST. This national webinar
will address custody awards, U Visa
certification, Special Immigrant
Juvenile Status (SIJS) findings,
protection order enforcement, and
best practices for drafting court
orders in protection proceedings.
Register here.



Collaboratives. Supported by <u>State</u>
<u>Justice Institute</u>, this series will
focus on issues surrounding
criminal case backlogs. 1st session:



Upcoming Symposium!

The 2023 National

Interdisciplinary

Cannabis

Symposium. As cannabis legalization and regulation evolve, the United States is at a tipping point. These continued changes in

laws are impacting our courts and society, and are creating a dynamic and sometimes confusing landscape for a variety of disciplines including judges, attorneys, law enforcement, drug... Read more



Upcoming Event!
The National Council of
Juvenile and Family
Court Judges

(NCJFCJ) will be hosting: Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico from **September 24th – 28th, 2023.** Sponsored by the Council for State Governments (CSG) and funded by the State Justice Institute. Register here.

New Webinar! The

National Judicial

College (NJC) will be

hosting: Impaired
Driving 2023: Where Are We? on
October 11th, 2023, at 3:00PM
EST. This fast-paced course will
highlight what today's impaired
driver looks like, and will identify
various issues and challenges that
trial judges face in their handling of
impaired driving cases. Register
here.

If you are interested in sharing court related news or announcements in the SJI newsletter, please send all content to contact@sji.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 <u>Grantee Spotlight Submission Instructions page</u>.



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

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