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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

[Policy Research Associates](#) (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... [Read more](#)

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 subject-matter 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](#).



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](#).



Join the [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC)'s Backlog Reduction Learning Collaboratives. Supported by [State Justice Institute](#), 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

Digital Evidence on 8/22. 2nd session: **Criminal Continuance Policy on 8/29.** 3rd session: **Criminal Case Scheduling Order on 8/30.** For more information and to register today, click [here](#).

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@sjj.gov by the 10th of the month.

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