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Grantee Spotlight: Court Voices Project



Twelve courts from around the country have completed a six-month pilot as part of [LaGratta Consulting](#)'s Court Voices Project, where they asked both court staff and court users for their feedback on courts' pandemic responses. While most of the pilot courts had little to no experience collecting feedback from court users in the past, all were able to use tablet kiosks, web links, and/or QR codes to solicit insights. All in, over 275 court staff and over 3,000 court users participated. A complete project report is forthcoming in early 2022... [Read more](#)

In the News

Putting Children and Families First in Dependency Case Management and Scheduling

The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC), in partnership with the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ), funded by [State Justice Institute](#), synthesized best practices in juvenile and family court and case management principles to develop an adaptable and responsive online training curriculum. The curriculum helps courts assess their adherence to principles of case management and... [Read more](#)

Chatbots in the Criminal Justice System: An Overview of Chatbots and Their Underlying Technologies and Applications

The [National Institute of Justice](#) (NIJ) supported the Criminal Justice Testing and Evaluation Consortium has released a technology brief to help us better understand the use of chatbots in criminal justice. (Chatbots are computer programs designed to simulate conversation with human users.) Five major takeaways include... [Read more](#)

Join the National Judicial Network

The [National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project](#) (NIWAP), working in partnership with the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) on a [State Justice Institute](#) (SJI) funded project is pleased to invite you to participate in the National Judicial Network: Forum on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts ("The Network"). The Network is seeking judges, commissioners, magistrates, Tribal judges, and other judicial officers to join the National Judicial Network, a peer to peer forum. The Network will provide... [Read more](#)

Announcements



SJI Awards FY 2022
First Quarter Grants!
The SJI Board of
Directors met on

December 6th, 2021 to make decisions on quarterly [grant applications](#), and approved a total of eleven (11) new grants. To read the full news article on the FY 2022 First Quarter awarded grants, click [here](#). The next deadline to submit grant applications is February 1st, 2022.



New Page Launched!
Come check out our
new [Training &](#)

[Technical Assistance Resources for Courts](#) page on the [Funding Toolkit](#).

A variety of training and technical assistance (TTA) services are available free of cost. Generally, assistance involves connecting agencies with national experts to provide services designed to address a specific need within the justice system.



Apply Now! New
Eviction Diversion
Initiative (EDI) has just

been launched to help state courts nationwide reform the way they handle eviction cases. This initiative will be used to transform eviction courts into problem-solving courts that emphasize holistic, sustainable and community-driven solutions to housing problems. Apply for grants [here](#).



Registration Now Open!
The [National Center for Juvenile Justice](#)
(NCJJ)'s Celebration

Tour 2022 of National Conferences.
Register today for the 2022 National Conference on Juvenile Justice. The upcoming event will be held March 13-16th, 2022 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – Home of the National Center for Juvenile Justice. Register [here](#).



December is
[#UniversalHumanRightsMonth](#). A global holiday that marks the



The [National Association for Court Management](#) (NACM)
2022 Midyear

adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations in 1948. This month, and every month, our team continues the support for equality, justice, and dignity for all human beings.

Conference will be taking place February 20-22, 2022. The upcoming midyear conference theme is Resilience and Reinvention: Transforming the Future of Courts. To register now, [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.



The next deadline to submit a grant application to SJI is **February 1, 2022**.

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



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