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Grantee Spotlight: Court Cybersecurity and Technical Disaster Recovery Summit



The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC), with funding from the [State Justice Institute](#) (SJI), launched a national initiative to strengthen state courts readiness for cyberattacks and technical disruptions through Cybersecurity and Disaster Recovery Workshops. These regional sessions (first virtual and then in-person) bring together judges, administrators, IT leaders, and communications staff to enhance preparedness, recovery, and continuity capabilities. The first workshop was held in September 2024, and sessions have now been completed in four of five regions nationwide. The final workshop will take place in Rhode Island in April 2026. The most recent session, hosted in... [Read more](#)

In the News

SJI Board Awards FY 2026 1st Quarter Grants

The SJI Board met on December 15th, 2025, and awarded 18 new grant applications totaling \$2.0 million for the 1st quarter of FY 2026. The Board awarded six (6) Strategic Initiative Grants (SIG) to: [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC), in partnership with the [Conference of Chief Justices](#) (CCJ) and the [Conference of State Court Administrators](#) (COSCA for Phase I of a nationwide coordinated effort to develop modern expertise, tools, and updated best practices that can be adopted by all courts to improve the safety of court facilities and the public who use them; the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) to launch a training and technical... [Read more](#)

The FY 2026 1st Quarter SJI Board Meeting

The FY 2026 1st Quarter SJI Board Meeting was held on Monday, December 15th, 2025, at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center in Harrisburg, PA. SJI Executive Director, Jonathan Mattiello, Senior Program Advisor, Michelle White, and members of the SJI Board were joined by Justice P. Kevin Brobson of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, State Court Administrator, Andrea Tuominen, and staff of the Administrative Office of... [Read more](#)

Data Science & Artificial Intelligence (AI) Emerging Science & Technologies Conference

SJI is honored and proud to have the opportunity to host the *Data Science & Artificial Intelligence (AI) Emerging Science & Technologies Conference*, a court system strategic initiative held at the [State Justice Institute](#) Headquarters in November 2025, put together by Michelle White and Lauren Curtis. This inspiring conference, collaborated with [The National Courts and Sciences Institute](#) (NCSI), brought so many brilliant minds together, filled with collaboration, innovation and meaningful conversations. Fueled by... [Read more](#)

Announcements



Upcoming Webinar!
The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) will be hosting: *How to Train Court Navigator Staff, Part 2* on **January 9th, 2026, at 1:00PM EST**. Join in for a year of learning and fun at **Court Navigator School** — a series of one-hour virtual webinar sessions that provide tangible suggestions to help you start a navigator program or enhance your existing program. This session will give you an opportunity to apply what you learned during the Part 1 session. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar!
The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) will be hosting: *Cultivating Employee Success* on **January 20th, 2026, at 1:00PM EST**. Support your team's growth through intentional development strategies. This leadership webinar series focuses on fostering motivation, creating opportunities for advancement, and building a culture of continuous learning and achievement. For more information and to register now, click [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar!
Addressing Nonvisible Disabilities in Civil Cases: Considering the Impacts of Domestic Violence and



Upcoming Conference!
The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) will be hosting the *2026 National*

Sexual Assault. On **February 18th, 2026, at 12:00PM EST**, the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) is virtually holding an important training focused on the often-overlooked role of nonvisible disabilities in civil legal proceedings involving military-connected survivors. This session will explore how conditions such as PTSD/D, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), and cognitive processing challenges can shape a survivor's engagement with the civil legal system. This training is designed for judges, court personnel, legal professionals, and anyone working with military-connected survivors in civil matters. Register [here](#).

Conference on Juvenile Justice taking place **March 15th – 18th, 2026**, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the [Hyatt Regency Minneapolis](#). The conference will feature amazing presentations on current and cutting-edge topics that will inspire you, broaden your knowledge, and provoke discussions about issues facing the juvenile and family court system. There will be plenary and breakout sessions on juvenile justice, trafficking, child welfare, court best practices, and innovative solutions. This conference is designed for a wide range of disciplines and is open to all those interested in the improvement of child welfare and the juvenile justice system Register [here](#).

If you are interested in sharing court related news or announcements in the SJJ newsletter, please send all content to contact@sjj.gov by the 10th of the month.

Are you a SJJ 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 SJJ is **Feb 1, 2026**.

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



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