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Grantee Spotlight: The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges – DV AWARE Dissemination Project: Building the Training Capacity of States, Meeting the Security Needs of Courts and Families



DV AWARE stands for ***Domestic Violence Analysis, Warning, Action, Recovery, and Engagement***.

Perpetrators of domestic violence can threaten the safety and well-being not only of their intimate partners and children, but also courts and communities.

Beginning with a grant from SJI in 2021, the DV AWARE Project sought to support juvenile and family court systems around the country anticipate, identify, and mitigate violent incidents in their courthouses associated with domestic violence. It addresses two of SJI's Priority Investment Areas... [Read more](#)

In the News

Keys to Youth Justice Improvement: Demonstration of Practical, Sustainable, Measurable, and Replicable Solutions

The [RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice](#) is pleased to announce the release of Keys to Youth Justice Improvement: Demonstration of Practical, Sustainable, Measurable, and Replicable Solutions. The new Innovation Brief highlights the replicable processes and achievements of the Dennis M. Mondoro Probation and Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Project* (Mondoro Project). The findings illustrate how other state and local jurisdictions are enabled to replicate reforms that establish evidence-informed policies, practices, and stakeholder collaborations to produce... [Read more](#)

The Judicial Innovation Fellowship Program

The [Judicial Innovation Fellowship](#) (JIF) is an initiative incubated at the Justice Lab at Georgetown Law Center's Institute for Technology Law and Policy. The JIF is a year-long fellowship for technologists, designers, and user testers to transform justice across state, local, territorial, and tribal courts. It is an exciting new opportunity for technologists, product people, and designers to use their talents for justice. Partnering with state, local, territorial, and tribal courts, fellows will have the opportunity to work inside courts to... [Read more](#)

New Online Assessment Tool to Guide Future Space Planning

To help courts plan for future space requirements, NCSC has launched a [Modern Courthouse Self-Assessment Tool](#) that examines existing building space and provides guidance on new courthouse space planning and design trends. Responses collected in the interactive questionnaire offer insights for potential remodels and new construction by assessing current courthouse design and current and future service requirements. At the end of the assessment, courts receive a summary report that can assist with defining, planning and reforming space needs to support and enhance updated court... [Read more](#)

Announcements



Eviction Diversion Initiative Grant Application Now Open! NCSC is now accepting applications for

the [Eviction Diversion Initiative Grant Program](#) through Friday, April 21st, 2023. Grants will be awarded to 6-9 state and local courts to launch or expand eviction diversion programs and transform the eviction court experience. EDI grant funds can be used to hire dedicated court staff to oversee the eviction diversion and court reform work and to build community... [Read more](#)



The new year is here and so is the 2023 grant season! New federal solicitations are open, and more are expected

to come out soon. If you're looking for funding, make sure you check out the resources we provide. The Federal government issues two kinds of grants: discretionary grants and formula (or block) grants. For both categories of funds, courts may be eligible as the applicant or in partnership or collaboration with an eligible partner. For more information, please visit: [Funding Opportunities - SJI Funding Toolkit](#).

The [Center for Justice Innovation](#) (formerly known as the Center for Court Innovation), with funding from the [State Justice Institute](#), is



Upcoming Webinar! NCSC will be hosting *Just Horizons - The Campaign to*



surveying criminal courts nationwide to better understand the uses of trauma-informed practices. The results of this survey will inform best practices in the field, through the Center's Trauma-Informed Practice Strategy Lab. Please complete this survey by March 10th, 2023. Access the survey [here](#).

Build Future-Ready Courts on February 23rd, 2023, at 2:00PM EST. Led by a council of court leaders and scholars, Just Horizons has been examining the driving forces of change in society and mapping them onto a plan to prepare courts for the future. Speakers will identify six key areas of vulnerability on which courts must act today, to prepare for tomorrow. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Course! The [National Judicial College](#) (NJC) will be hosting *Civil Mediation* from March 27-31st, 2023, in Reno, NV. Mediation is an important option in every system of justice. Judges with mediation skills can have opportunities open up to them both on and off the bench. This five-day, 40-hour course is hands-on, interactive, fast-paced and practical. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



New Funding Opportunity: Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program. The [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) is seeking applications to respond to illicit substance use and misuse to reduce overdose deaths, promote public safety, and support access to treatment and recovery services in the criminal justice system. Awards will be made in two categories for the following amounts... [Read more](#)

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.

Are you a SJI 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 SJI is **May 1, 2023**.

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



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