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## Grantee Spotlight: Cady Initiative - Judicial Education and Justice for Families



We have long known that family matters challenge a court system that assumes people will be represented by attorneys and that proceedings should be adversarial. The [Cady Initiative for Family Justice Reform](#) (formerly “Family Justice Initiative”) exists to guide courts towards improved outcomes for families, while managing costs and controlling delays. First funded by the State Justice Institute (SJI) in 2017, the Cady Initiative represents a partnership between... [Read more](#)

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## In the News

### SJI’s Intensive Federal Grant Writing Technical Assistance Results in Over \$4 Million Dollars in Critical Funding for Courts

During the FY 2021 grant season, SJI supported a pilot intensive technical assistance opportunity that integrated traditional grant-writing training with intensive one-on-one support to select courts. The training and intensive technical assistance was provided by Tara Kunkel of [Rulo Strategies](#). Thirteen courts were selected to participate in phase one of the training which included completing a self-paced online learning series. Eight courts went on to investigate federal funding opportunities for... [Read more](#)

### NACo Launches Convening County, Court and Justice Leaders Initiative with Five Sites

The [National Association of Counties](#) (NACo) is pleased to announce the first round of participants for the *Convening County, Court, and Justice Leaders: A Framework for Cross-System Collaboration* initiative. The initiative was launched this month by NACo and its partners at [Rulo Strategies](#) and [Praxis Consulting](#), with funding from the [State Justice Institute](#). It is designed to support county, court, and justice leaders as they partner to

establish local priorities and align resources to achieve their justice and public safety goals. The initial participating sites are... [Read more](#)

## The 2022 National Interdisciplinary Cannabis Symposium

As cannabis legalization and regulation evolve, the United States is at a tipping point. Congress is now exploring the decriminalization and rescheduling of cannabis. These continued changes in laws are impacting our courts and society and are creating a dynamic... [Read more](#)

## Eviction Diversion Initiative Makes *The New York Times*

As the country faces a potential tidal wave of eviction filings, D.C. Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby and Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht author *The New York Times* essay supporting eviction diversion efforts. Blackburne-Rigsby and Hecht both sit on the advisory council for the [National Center for State Courts'](#) Eviction Diversion Initiative. The [Eviction Diversion Initiative](#) (EDI), is a four-year grant program that offers funding and support to... [Read more](#)

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## Announcements



Register Now! Upcoming Webinar: *Courts in the Era of #WeToo: How Judges and Court Managers Can Cooperate to Address Gender-based Harrassment and Abuse*. Webinar held on January 28th, 2022 at 1:00PM EST. This webinar will provide an overview of the [SJI](#) funded initiative, #WeToo. To register, click [here](#).



Register Today! The [National Association for Court Management](#) (NACM) 2022 Midyear Conference will be taking place February 20-22nd, 2022. The upcoming midyear conference theme is Resilience and Reinvention: Transforming the Future of Courts. To register now, click [here](#).



Grant Applicant Education Webinar Series! The [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) will hold the following two (2) webinars as part of the BJA Grant Applicant Education Series: [Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2022: An Overview of What's Ahead](#): January 19th, 2022 at 1:00PM EST. Second webinar: [The](#)



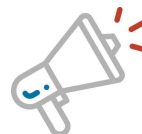
Register Now! The [National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare](#) (NCSACW) Webinar: Meeting the Moment: How Child Welfare and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Professionals Can Address the Needs of Adolescents at Risk of Suicide and Mental Health

[Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations](#): January 26th, 2022 at 1:00PM EST.

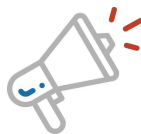
Concerns. The upcoming webinar will be held on January 18th, 2022 from 1:00-2:30PM EST. To register, click [here](#).



New Criminal Justice Learning Collaboratives! The [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#) (SAMSHA)'s GAINS Center is providing direct training and technical assistance to jurisdictions across the nation to better support people with behavioral health needs who are involved in the criminal justice system. Application deadline: January 28th, 2022. Apply [here](#).



Save the date! The [National Council for Mental Wellbeing](#) will be hosting a [Crisis Response of the Future](#) webinar on January 31st, 2022 from 1:00-2:00PM EST to share the latest developments in overdose response, provide crisis care and linkage-to-treatment for individuals struggling with substance use disorder. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Deadline Reminder! The next deadline to submit a grant application to SJJ is February 1st, 2022. All new [grant application](#) submissions must be made via the online [Grant Management System](#) (GMS). Additionally, all active awards must be [managed in the GMS](#). For more information on all of the grant types available, click [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](#).

If you are interested in sharing court related news or announcements in the SJJ newsletter, please send all content to [contact@sjj.gov](mailto:contact@sjj.gov) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.



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



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