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Grantee Spotlight: Juvenile Court Transformation: Intensive State Technical Assistance and a National Training Institute



Most states do not have specialized family court judges, let alone judges dedicated to delinquency cases. Even in states that do have a family court structure, juvenile justice often gets short shrift compared to child welfare in terms of court attention, resources, and improvement efforts. In addition, most states do not provide juvenile court judges with the training, decision-making tools, data, and support systems necessary to make decisions consistently aligned with research and best practice that is specific to juvenile cases.... [Read more](#)

In the News

Response Team will Assist Courts with AI Policy and Practice

The [Conference of Chief Justices](#) (CCJ) and [Conference of State Court Administrators](#) (COSCA) have created a Rapid Response Team (RRT) of chief justices and state court administrators to examine some of the immediate issues related to the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and generative AI in courts. “The growing reliance on AI tools in the legal practice and court proceedings offers opportunities and challenges,” said CCJ President and RRT Co-Chair Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge of the DC Court... [Read more](#)

Rural Justice Collaborative Announces New Rural Justice Innovation Sites, Funded by SJI

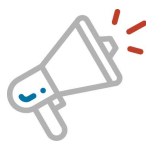
The [Rural Justice Collaborative](#) (RJC) Advisory Council, composed of rural judges along with additional stakeholders in the justice, child welfare, behavioral health, and

public health systems, selected six of the country's most innovative rural justice programs to serve as models for other communities. The RJC initiative provides resources to enable rural communities to replicate these Innovation Sites' successes.... [Read more](#)

NCSC Offers Guidance About Using Court Chatbots to Expand Access to Justice

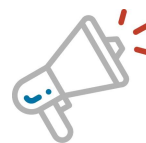
Chatbots can be an effective tool for improving access to services and efficiency in court operations. In NCSC's new guide, [Court Chatbots: How to Build a Great Chatbot for Your Court's Website](#), our team explains how this computer software works and explores ways courts can use them to expand access. "We know chatbots can provide great benefits to both the public and the court. However, we want to encourage courts to plan well and adequately support chatbots to ensure they are effective," said NCSC Court Management Consultant Aubrie Souza, lead author of the new guide. Today, you can find... [Read more](#)

Announcements



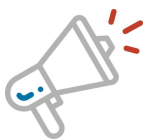
Seeking Applicants!
The [ICM Fellows](#)
Application is Open!
What does being a

Fellow mean to the court community? CCJ and COSCA described the importance of the Fellows program in a joint resolution. The resolution recognizes Fellows as important court leaders, the importance of Fellows projects in improving the administration of justice, and Fellows "as a symbol of professional expertise and individual commitment to excellence in service." For more information and to apply, click [here](#).



January is [National Human Trafficking Prevention Month](#). An opportunity to educate your community about

the crime and highlight support services for those who have experienced it. [SJI](#) addresses the impact of federal and state human trafficking laws on the state courts, and the challenges faced by state courts in dealing with cases involving trafficking victims and their families. These efforts are intended to empower state courts to identify victims, link them with vital services, and hold traffickers accountable. Read more [here](#).



Upcoming Conference!
2024 NACM Midyear Conference. Register now for the 2024 [NACM](#)

– [National Association for Court Management](#) Midyear Conference, from **February 4th - February 6th**,



Upcoming Course!
The [National Judicial College](#) (NJC) will be virtually hosting:
Evidence Challenges for Administrative Law

Judges: Web-Based **starting**

2024, in Orange County, CA. The conference will offer the most current information, tools, best practices, and training for court professionals. This live event features engaging presentations across three (3) educational tracks with insightful opportunities to network with fellow attendees, speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors. Register [here](#).

February 19th, 2024, through April 5th, 2024. The evidence issues that an Administrative Law Judge confronts can be complex and challenging. This online web course offers a convenient way to explore ways to make evidentiary rulings quickly and confidently without having to leave your docket. To register now for this upcoming course, click [here](#).

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