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Grantee Spotlight: Council of State Governments Justice Center - Courting Judicial Excellence in Juvenile Justice- A 50 State Study



Juvenile court judges are the most important public figures in the juvenile justice system--their decisions impact whether hundreds of thousands of youths each year become court involved and for how long, whether they are involuntarily removed from their homes and communities, and the services they receive. Despite the importance of these judges, states and locales have generally not assessed whether and how the structure, roles, and operations of their juvenile courts support or hinder public safety and positive youth outcomes. To support improved practice, the [Council of State Governments Justice Center](#), in partnership with the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), conducted an analysis of... [Read more](#)

In the News

Kansas Judicial Branch Maximizes SJI Grant Funding

Over the past decade, the [Kansas Judicial Branch](#) has used SJI grants to accomplish many of its objectives, including improving its workforce and commencing access to justice initiatives. In FY 2016, an SJI grant (SJI-16-T-149) enabled the Judicial Branch to contract with the [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) for an independent [assessment of job classifications and rates of compensation](#) for employees and district magistrate judges. The results were astonishing... [Read more](#)

New Release: The Steps to Best Practices for Court Building Security

The [National Center for State Courts](#) has just announced the publication of the revised 2022 edition of [Steps to Best Practices for Court Building Security](#). The Steps to Best Practices document is intended to provide guidance to courts throughout the country in enhancing the security and safety of their court facilities. The document forth guidelines for what constitutes best practices in various areas of court building security. It also sets forth steps in phases that can be taken toward achieving these best practices. These steps may be helpful for courts as they strive to prioritize and implement improvements... [Read more](#)

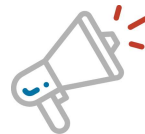
Task Force Releases Comprehensive Guidelines, Principles for Juvenile Mental Health Diversion

[Task Force Releases Comprehensive Guidelines, Principles for Juvenile Mental Health Diversion](#) Upwards of 70% of young people in the justice system have a diagnosed mental disorder, and 90% have experienced a traumatic life event that can negatively impact their mental health. To assist courts and service providers in addressing the growing mental health crisis, the National Judicial Task Force to Examine Courts' Response to Mental Illness recently released a set of *Juvenile Justice Mental Health Diversion Guidelines and Principles*... [Read more](#)

Announcements



July is [Minority Mental Health Awareness Month](#). National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month is observed each July to bring awareness to the unique struggles that racial and ethnic minority communities face regarding mental illness in the United States. For more information, please visit: [National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month \(hhs.gov\)](#)



Save The Date! The [American Probation and Parole Association](#) will lead the 2022 Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week celebration July 17th-23rd, 2022. This year, the theme is "Restoring Trust, Creating Hope," and the event will honor the valuable efforts of nearly 100,000 community corrections professionals that supervise millions of individuals.



Upcoming Webinar! The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), in partnership with the [International Association of Chiefs of Police](#) presents Vicarious Trauma

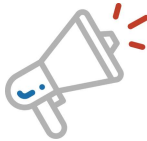


Register Now! *Here's Another Fine Mess I've Gotten Myself Into: Ethical Issues for Trial Level Judges*. The [National Judicial College](#) (NJC) will be hosting this upcoming webinar on July 20th, 2022 at 3:00PM EST. Review how

Response Initiative Webinar Series on Trauma and Courts.

Webinar: *Cultivating Partnerships to Support Systemic Resilience: An Emergent Approach to Trauma in the Judicial System*. Wednesday July 27th, 2022 at 12:00PM EST. Register [here](#).

certain common situations which if not identified by the judge as a potential issue, can lead to having to explain your actions; and learn how to understand that there are instances where if you weren't a judge your actions would be acceptable. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Conference! Join the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) in Reno, Nevada, for the 85th Annual Conference, July 17-20th, 2022, which 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. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar! The [National Judicial College](#) (NJC) will be hosting: *Artificial Intelligence and Bias – Impact on the Courts* on Wednesday, July 27th, 2022 at 3:00PM EST. Artificial Intelligence can exhibit bias based on the data used to train the system, the features extracted or weighted by the system, and/or the human who develops the system or analyzes its results. Register [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.



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