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Grantee Spotlight: Arizona Superior Court in Pima County – Convert Court-led Live and In-person Training to On-Demand Training



In November 2020, the [Family Center of the Conciliation Court](#) (FCCC) within the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County, was awarded a Pandemic Response and Recovery grant from the State Justice Institute (SJI) to implement the Court’s vision of converting what was an employee-led, in-person parent education course to an on-demand, online, and self-paced e-Learning program. Grant funds were used to design, launch, and evaluate the e-Learning program and the process used to convert the course from an in-person format to an on-demand, virtual platform... [Read more](#)

In the News

New Report Identifies 277 Federal Laws That Expressly Impose Affirmative Obligations on State Courts

A newly released report from the [National Center for State Courts](#), supported with funding from [State Justice Institute](#), adds a new number of considerable interest to state courts: 277. That’s the number of provisions in the U.S. Code – the body of laws adopted by the United States Congress – that ask state courts to take specific action (or to not take actions) with respect to federal matters... [Read more](#)

National Association for Court Management Announces Adult Guardianship Guide Update

The [National Association for Court Management](#) (NACM) Adult Guardianship Guide is an essential resource to assist courts in planning, developing, and sustaining a comprehensive court guardianship and conservatorship program. The update to the Adult

Guardianship Guide emphasizes the recent recommendations from the [State Justice Institute](#) (SJI) and Borchard Foundation grant-supported Fourth National Guardianship Summit. It promotes person-centered planning and the least restrictive options necessary for persons who are unable to fully care for themselves. It identifies provisions within the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act (UGCOPAA) and highlights advancements in court programs and initiatives... [Read more](#)

New Report: “The Use of Remote Hearings in Texas State Courts: The Impact on Judicial Workload”

This newly released report is the first national review of data that confirms what judges have anecdotally shared about remote hearings before and during the pandemic. The 12-month study analyzed both 1.25 million minutes of judicial data and focus group feedback from judges and court leaders in eight counties across Texas... [Read more](#)

The Paths to Racial Justice: Our Civil System Must Acknowledge Shortcomings and Take Concrete Action

The [Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System](#) (IAALS) held its final two [Paths to Justice](#) events which focused on racial justice by bringing together diverse perspectives to engage in a dialogue around inequities in the civil justice system, and how it relates to public trust and confidence. IAALS has published two issue papers highlighting... [Read more](#)

Announcements



Upcoming Webinar! The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) Upcoming

Webinar: *Reducing Courts' Failure-to-Appear Rates: Promising Strategies* will be held on Monday, March 14th, 2022 from 3:00PM-4:00PM EST. Join the six-member panel for a discussion on how various court systems are reducing failures to appear in low-level offenses through text-reminder pilot projects, amnesty weeks, and community events. Register [here](#).



Register Today! The [National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) Lunch and

Learn series, Break from the Bench is back! Tune in for “The DV Aware Project: Improving Court Security in Domestic Violence Cases,” Tuesday, March 22th, 2022 at 12:00PM EST. Register now at: [Break from the Bench: The DV Aware Project: Improving Court Security in Domestic Violence Cases - NCJFCJ](#)

Upcoming Webinar! The [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) will be hosting *Funding and Resources for*



New Rual Justice Survey - Let Your Voice Be Heard! On behalf of



Courts and Prosecutors Webinar on Thursday, March 17th, 2022 at 1:00PM EST. Learn the primary initiatives that BJA plans to fund in 2022 that support courts. For more information and to register now, click [here](#).

the [Rural Justice Collaborative](#) (RJC), we invite you to complete the questionnaire below to inform the development of a Rural Justice Roadmap. For the full article, click [here](#). To access the survey: [Needs Assessment to Inform a Rural Justice Roadmap Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

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



The next deadline to submit a grant application to SJL is **May 1, 2022**.

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



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