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Grantee Spotlight: Texas Dispute Resolution System / Office of Dispute Resolution for Lubbock County – Mediation and Mental Health



Participating in the judicial system can be traumatic and stressful. Mediation is a tool used for resolving many judicial matters, thus mediators often encounter disputants experiencing the worst time of their lives. With this in mind, Texas Dispute Resolution System™ (TDRS) began a process to enhance their mediators' skills and knowledge when engaging disputants during their traumatic journey. Unfortunately, this nationwide search identified very few resources. As such, TDRS endeavored to fill this void... [Read more](#)

In the News

Courting Judicial Excellence in Juvenile Justice: A 50-State Study

Newly released report, [Courting Judicial Excellence in Juvenile Justice: A 50-State Study](#), is a first of its kind analysis from the [CSG Justice Center](#) and the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ), supported by the [State Justice Institute](#), that examines how courts in all 50 states that handle juvenile delinquency cases (“juvenile courts”) are structured and operate. The purpose of this report is to draw attention to the critical role that juvenile court judges play and the need to treat the juvenile court as a specialty of practice. The report is structured around five key recommendations, including the rationale, concrete policies and practices for states to adopt, and related state best practices and innovations for jurisdictions to consider. States can use the report to identify gaps in their juvenile court policies... [Read more](#)

Utah Is Using Data to Drive Debt Litigation Reform

A new analysis by the [Utah Bar Foundation](#) (UBF), conducted with support from [The Pew Charitable Trusts](#), uses state-collected court data on tens of thousands of credit card, medical, rent, and other debt-related cases to assess civil court processes and recommend improvements. Utah is one of the few states working to gather data on and address issues related to debt collection cases in its courts... [Read more](#)

Announcements



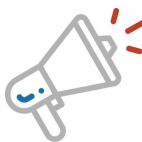
May is [Mental Health Awareness Month](#) – a time to raise awareness about mental health and

help reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. SJI supports cross-sector collaboration that emphasizes policies and practices designed to improve court responses to justice-involved persons with mental health, behavioral health and other co-occurring needs. Access our Mental Health projects on our Priority Investment Area page here: [State Justice Institute \(sji.gov\)](#)



New Survey! Family-Centered Justice at the [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) is an

approach that takes the whole family unit into consideration when making informed decisions about how courts provide support and process all types of cases. NCSC is interested in learning about Family-Centered Justice practices in courts across the country. Please take [this brief survey](#) to describe exciting efforts in your jurisdiction or to let NCSC know that you'd like to learn more about how to center families across case types.



Upcoming Event!
Justice Briefing Live: Courting Judicial Excellence in Juvenile Justice. Join [SJI](#), the [CSG Justice Center](#)

and [NCJFCJ](#) on June 2nd, 2022 at 1:00PM EST. Juvenile judges can impact the trajectory of a youth's education, career & well-being. Learn about what is needed so they can be effective decision makers for our youth. To register today, click [here](#).



Register Today! The [National Association for Court Management](#) (NACM) 2022 Annual

Conference is taking place from July 10-14th, 2022 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The conference theme is *Courts Leading the Way in Advancing Justice: A Call to Action*. This theme will focus on the important concept that justice reform must come from within courts across the globe. Register [here](#).



Need information on current federal funding opportunities? [Rulo Strategies](#), with support from SJI, is releasing

weekly updates on open solicitations for federal funding opportunities of potential interest to state courts and their justice system partners, organized by topic. This resource highlights key information to help jurisdictions make decisions about whether to pursue these funding opportunities. The current Federal Grant Programs guide can be [accessed here](#).



New COSSAP Site-based Funding Opportunity! Register Today! The [OJP Bureau of Justice](#)

[Assistance](#) (BJA), in collaboration with the [Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program](#) (COSSAP) team, 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....

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