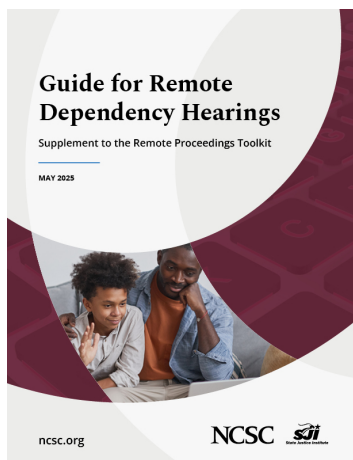




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Grantee Spotlight: Enhancing State Court Efforts to Address Child Abuse and Neglect



The [National Center for State Courts](#) announces the upcoming "**Guide for Remote Dependency Hearings**," a comprehensive resource, funded by SJI, developed as an addendum to the [Remote Proceeding Toolkit](#). Child abuse and neglect hearings require additional considerations for effective remote proceedings given their confidential nature and multiple participants. **The Guide for Remote Dependency Hearings** offers specialized guidance for this case type. Many courts turned to remote dependency hearings during the pandemic, and many continue to use them to reduce traumatic experiences and barriers for parents facing transportation challenges, lost wages, or childcare difficulties. Developed through careful... [Read more](#)

In the News

Collaboration in Action: A Toolkit for Courts and Counties

The [State Justice Institute](#), in partnership with [Praxis Consulting](#) and [Rulo Strategies](#), is excited to launch **Collaboration in Action: A Toolkit for Courts and Counties**, a comprehensive and user-friendly resource designed to support courts, county officials, and justice stakeholders in creating safer and more effective local justice systems. This free toolkit provides step-by-step guidance to help communities plan strategically, collaborate across agencies, and implement sustainable ideas and programs. Whether you're addressing pretrial practices, reentry, substance use, or overall justice system coordination, the toolkit offers practical tools and real-world examples tailored... [Read more](#)

A New Way to Manage Traffic and Misdemeanor Cases

This year, the [Justice Management Institute](#) received a strategic initiatives grant from the [State Justice Institute](#) to expand the use of online case resolution (OCR) for traffic and misdemeanor cases. With OCR, a person who receives a citation or is charged with a misdemeanor can access a defendant app and contest their case online. The technology enables courts, attorneys, and those charged to work through the discovery stage and plea negotiation without appearing in court. OCR can also be used for post-resolution efforts like entering into a payment plan, collecting payments, and/or providing documentation of completing community service and relevant classes that may be part of the... [Read more](#)

Preserving the Future of Juries and Jury Trials

A new report, [Preserving the Future of Juries and Jury Trials](#), offers strategies to combat these critical challenges that threaten the existence and legitimacy of our jury system while also suggesting strategic solutions to preserve its future. "We need to take action, or we risk losing a living component of justice," warns Paula Hannaford-Agor, director of NCSC's Center for Jury Studies. "This report is a starting point for continued conversations about where we need to go to strengthen jury trials." The report identifies four key vulnerabilities and outlines a plan to preserve and improve the jury system... [Read more](#)

Announcements



Upcoming Webinar!
The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) will be hosting: *AI-Assisted*

Translation in the Courts on **Wednesday, May 21st, 2025, at 1:00PM EST.** Courts are increasingly exploring the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to improve operations and support staff. Join in for the latest session in the Thomson Reuters Institute/NCSC AI Policy Consortium AI and the Courts webinar series as we explore how AI-assisted translation tools can potentially support document translation within the court system. To learn more and to register now, please click [here](#).



Upcoming Education Opportunity! *The Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (CANI) Virtual*

Training. Virtually via Zoom from **June 2nd - June 6th, 2025**, the NCJFCJ's training for dependency court judges, the [Child Abuse and Neglect Institute](#) (CANI) provides instruction for new or experienced judges on the knowledge and skills necessary to preside over an effective child abuse and neglect court process. Participants will also receive instruction on emerging practices to improve outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system. For more information and to register now, click [here](#).



Upcoming Symposium!
*The Transformation of
Youth Justice
Symposium*, hosted by

the [Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice](#) (RFKNRCJJ), on **June 18th-20th, 2025**, in San Diego, CA, will provide unique opportunities to learn, connect and contribute to the nationwide momentum improving outcomes for children, families, and communities through enhanced youth justice system approaches and practices. This engaging 2.5-day event is designed to empower multi-disciplinary professionals and youth-serving stakeholders committed to advancing innovative system change. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Training!
*Courting Judicial
Excellence: A Juvenile
Justice Training*

Institute. Sponsored by the [Council for State Governments](#) and the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), with funding from the [State Justice Institute](#), is taking place from **June 23rd-27th, 2025**, in Anaheim, California. This interactive 3½ day training program is designed to provide judicial officers who hear delinquency proceedings with increased knowledge of research, practical tools, and an essential foundation of best practices to use in the youth justice cases coming before them. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Conference!
The [National Association for Court Management](#) (NACM) will be hosting its

Annual Conference from **July 20th-July 24th, 2025**, in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme of the 2025 Annual Conference is Promoting Public Trust and Confidence through Service and Collaboration. The Annual Conference will deal with the strategies that courts must create winning customer/court user experiences and successful collaborations to better service those using our nation's courts. For registration information, conference agenda, membership, pricing and further information, click [here](#).



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Person Training will be taking place in **Reno, Nevada** from **September 8th-12th, 2025**. The NCJFCJ's training for dependency court judges, the [CANI](#) provides instruction for new or experienced judges on the knowledge and skills necessary to preside over an effective child abuse and neglect court process. Over the four-day, in-person training participants will have opportunities to network with faculty and other attendees. Participants will also receive instruction to improve outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system. 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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