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Grantee Spotlight: Evaluating the Impact of Virtual Proceedings in Family Law Matters for Self-Represented Litigants

LAGRATTA CONSULTING, LLC



The [Access to Justice Lab at Harvard Law School](#) and [LaGratta Consulting LLC](#) are conducting a randomized control trial examining the effects of in-person versus remote hearings for self-represented family law litigants in the 3rd Judicial District Court of Utah (Salt Lake County). The project intends to examine case outcomes and litigant experience in both contexts. All four commissioners hearing family law matters agreed to participate in this innovative effort... [Read more](#)

In the News

Natural Language Programming

Natural Language Programming (NLP) is a field of computer science that employs predictive analytics and machine learning with a focus on the interaction between computers and both written and spoken language. Over the past decade, courts have successfully employed NLP techniques for routine case management tasks such as redaction, data extraction, document classification, and automated data population into databases. With generous funding from the [State Justice Institute](#), the [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) explored the feasibility of NLP to support civil case management. The project focused on two stages of civil case management — assigning... [Read more](#)

Diversions and Alternatives Reform Team Guidebook

The RFK National Resource Center is pleased to present the [Diversions and Alternatives Reform Team Guidebook](#), representing an updated version of our previously published

Alternative Response Initiative (ARI) Workbook. The DART Guidebook was developed to support youth justice system stakeholders in reviewing and reforming diversionary and alternative accountability policies and practices. Retaining the successful five-step approach from the original ARI publication, the DART Guidebook builds upon lessons learned from our jurisdictional experiences since 2019. It also... [Read more](#)

Announcements



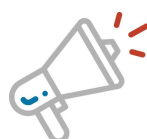
Upcoming Webinar!
*Promoting Well-Being
in Family Court -
Mental Health*

**Considerations on
November 9th, 2023, at 1:00PM
EST.** This [National Center for State
Courts](#) (NCSC) webinar on
Domestic Violence, Trauma, and
Mental Health, will dive into the
multifaceted challenges families
often face, from mental health
issues to trauma, violence, and
substance use disorders. To register
now, click [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar!
*Self-Help for Self-Help
Centers - Not Your
Average Self-Help*

**Center on November 17th, 2023, at
2:00PM EST.** This [National Center
for State Courts](#) (NCSC) webinar
will share the fundamental
components needed to run an
effective court-based self-help
center. Speakers will cover space,
staffing, accessibility and more.
They will discuss how to make the
most of limited resources and
asking for funding. Register [here](#).



Seeking Applicants!
*The Reaching Rural
Initiative.* The Reaching
Rural Initiative is

sponsored by the [U.S. Department
of Justice](#) (DOJ), [U.S. Department
of Justice, Office of Justice
Programs](#) (OJP), [Bureau of Justice
Assistance](#) (BJA), the [State Justice
Institute](#) (SJI), and the [Centers for
Disease Control and
Prevention](#) (CDC). The Reaching
Rural Initiative is designed for rural
agency leaders or mid-level
professionals working in counties,
cities, or tribes as justice, public
safety, public health, or behavioral
health practitioners. For more



Upcoming Course! The
[National Judicial College](#)
(NJC) is holding: *When
Science Comes to*

*Court: Self-Study Course on
Forensic Evidence* online course **on
December 31st, 2023.** The decision
about whether forensic evidence is
admitted rests squarely on the
shoulders of the judge presiding
over the case. Judges must be
intimately familiar with the rules of
evidence and whether evidence is
admitted or received for a limited
purpose. This self-study course
uses an all-too-real, yet
hypothetical, criminal case to give
judges greater confidence ruling on

information: click [here](#). **Application Deadline: December 15th, 2023.**

issues of admitting experts and evidence. Register [here](#).

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Are you a SJI grantee interested in being featured in our monthly newsletter and on our website? Follow the instructions on our [Grantee Spotlight Submission Instructions page](#).



The next deadline to submit a grant application to SJI is **Feb 1, 2024**.

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