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Grantee Spotlight: Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts: Medical Debt Online Dispute Resolution Pilot



In 2020, the [Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts](#) (AOC) was awarded a [State Justice Institute](#) (SJI) Technical Assistance grant to retain the services of Catalis by Court Innovations, Inc. (Catalis) to assist the AOC with developing and implementing an online platform to resolve medical debt disputes in Hamilton County, TN, before a lawsuit is filed. The goal is to establish similar programs in other areas of the state. The ultimate goal is to establish a statewide platform for multiple types of debt... [Read more](#)

In the News

SJI Board Awards FY 2023 Fourth Quarter Grants

SJI received 14 grant applications requesting a total of \$2,507,926 for the 4th quarter of FY 2023. The Board met on September 18, 2023, at the Supreme Court of Kansas to make decisions on those applications. During its meeting, the Board awarded... [Read more](#)

IAALS Releases National Framework for States to Create New Tier of Legal Professionals Who Can Offer More Affordable Legal Help

IAALS, the [Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System at the University of Denver](#), announced the release of its new report, [Allied Legal Professionals: A National Framework for Program Growth](#). As part of IAALS' [Allied Legal Professionals](#) project—which is generously supported by the Sturm Family Foundation—this report includes multiple research-informed recommendations to help standardize a new tier of legal professionals across states, with the goal of increasing the options for... [Read more](#)

Pew's Reform Framework for Civil Court Modernization

Truly modern courts are open, effective, and equitable. [The Pew Charitable Trusts](#) just recently published a [framework](#) that offers courts a roadmap to improve public trust in and the transparency of the civil legal system; support court user engagement; and help ensure that case outcomes are fair. The [first toolkit](#) centers on the principle that open courts are committed to transparency, and that courts should collect, use, and share data to continually improve interactions with their communities... [Read more](#)

Announcements



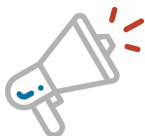
October is
**Cybersecurity
Awareness Month.**

Courts must also be prepared for cyberattacks on court systems, such as denial of service and ransomware attacks on court case management systems, websites, and other critical information technology infrastructure. **#SJI** supports projects that assist courts in preparing for, and responding to, these attacks, and share lessons-learned to courts across the United States. Cybersecurity is one of SJI's Priority Investment Areas. View our cybersecurity projects [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar!
*Emerging Adults Online
Training Series* on
**October 17th, 2023, at
1:30PM EST.**

This [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) webinar will launch training modules designed to equip attorneys and court professionals with the tools they need to better assist emerging adults (ages 18-25) in the justice system. The series includes modules on the topics of young adult brain development, needs, risks, and protective factors for young adults, the behavioral health needs of young adults, and more! To register today, click [here](#).



Upcoming
Webinar! *Self-Help for
Self-Help Centers -
The Fundamentals* on

October 20th, 2023, at 2:00PM EST. In the first of NCSC's three-part webinar series on Self-Help Centers, expert panelists will share the fundamental components needed to run an effective court-based self-help center. Topics include space planning, staffing,



Upcoming Symposium!
*Trauma-Informed
Practice Strategy Lab for
Criminal Courts (TIPS*

Lab) Symposium. The [Center for Justice Innovation](#) (the Center) is hosting an in-person Trauma-Informed Practice Strategy (TIPS) Lab for Criminal Courts Symposium, funded by [SJI](#), in Denver, Colorado on **November 2nd-3rd, 2023**, for practitioners, academics, and other

accessibility, and more. Panelists will offer insights into requesting funding and maximizing limited resources. Register [here](#).

stakeholders to share ideas and discuss challenges to implementation of trauma-informed practices. 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.

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 **Nov 1, 2023**.

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



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