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## Grantee Spotlight: National Center for State Courts: Rural Justice Collaborative



Rural communities face unique challenges that impact their ability to deliver fair and equitable justice. Despite these challenges, rural communities rely on their many strengths to address the needs of their residents. In 2021, the [National Center for State Courts](#), in partnership with [Rulo Strategies](#), launched the Rural Justice Collaborative (RJC) to showcase the strengths of rural communities and highlight the cross-sector collaboration that is a hallmark of rural justice systems. These strengths include strong professional networks, deep ties to the communities they serve.... [Read more](#)

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## In the News

### National Survey Identifies Trends, Best Practices for Court-Based Self-Help Centers

Court-based self-help services are more available to the public through increased remote access, according to a new report released by the [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) and the [Massachusetts Appleseed Center for Law and Justice](#) (Massachusetts Appleseed). “Self-help centers benefit courts and court users alike. Litigants who visit a self-help center are more likely to file paperwork that is legally sufficient. Having litigants better prepared for court appearances saves... [Read more](#)

### Data Specialists, Information Technologists Convene to Discuss Emerging Data Trends

AI, data quality and security, and court staffing were among the hot topics discussed at this year's Data Specialists/Information Technologists Summit earlier this month. This year, 79 attendees from 24 states joined NCSC for two days of data and information technology presentations and discussions at the Maryland Judicial Center in Annapolis. Experts from courts, academia, and partner agencies joined NCSC staff to share trends and best practices... [Read more](#)

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

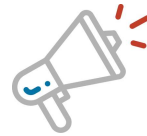
IAALS, the [Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System at the University of Denver](#), announced the release of its new report, [Allied Legal Professionals: A National Framework for Program Growth](#). As part of IAALS' [Allied Legal Professionals](#) project—which is generously supported 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](#)

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## Announcements



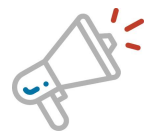
Upcoming Webinar!  
The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) will be hosting: *AI and the Impact on the Practice of Law* on **September 21st, 2023, at 3:00PM EST**. The second webinar of The Promises and Perils of AI in the Courts Webinar Series. This second webinar will dive into important legal factors such as bias in AI, ethical and regulatory considerations, and the impact of AI on law firms. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Event!  
The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) will be hosting: *Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Judicial Training Institute* in Albuquerque, New Mexico from **September 24th – 28th, 2023**. Sponsored by the Council for State Governments (CSG) and funded by the [State Justice Institute](#). Register [here](#).



New Webinar! The [National Judicial College](#) (NJC) will be hosting: *Impaired Driving 2023: Where Are We?* on **October 11th, 2023, at 3:00PM EST**. This fast-paced course will highlight what today's impaired driver looks like and will identify



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,

various issues and challenges that trial judges face in their handling of impaired driving cases. Recognize and discuss current issues that arise in today's impaired driving cases, and the current nature of impaired driving. Register [here](#).

funded by [SJJ](#), in Denver, Colorado on **November 2nd-3rd, 2023**, for practitioners, academics, and other 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](mailto:contact@sjj.gov) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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