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Grantee Spotlight: Probation and Youth Justice System Review – RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice



The [RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice](#) (RFKNRCJJ) has used a proven framework to partner with state and local jurisdictions to conduct multiple probation and youth justice system reviews designed to improve outcomes for youth and families at-risk or involved in the juvenile justice systems for more than fifteen years. RFK’s successful technical assistance partnerships have produced an impressive array of positive innovations and reforms to the policies and operations that impact youth outcomes.... [Read more](#)

In the News

SJI Board Awards FY 2025 First Quarter Grants

The 1st Quarter Board Meeting was held on December 9, 2024, at the Supreme Court of Virginia in Richmond, VA. Members of the SJI Board, Executive Director, Jonathan Mattiello, and Senior Program Advisor, Michelle White, were joined by Chief Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals Marla Decker, State Court Administrator Karl Hade, and other court staff. SJI received fourteen grant applications requesting a total of \$1,459,487 for the 1st quarter of FY 2025. The Board... [Read more](#)

COSCA, NCSC Offer Essential Guidance for Courts Navigating the AI Revolution

Gaining an understanding of the potential impacts of generative AI has become increasingly important to state court administrators. To help demystify this emerging technology, the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) has published, "[Generative AI and the Future of the Courts](#)." This policy paper recognizes the historical impact of artificial intelligence on court operations and procedures—both positive and negative—from streamlining administrative tasks to supplementing efforts to provide greater access to justice. "COSCA believes that generative AI is poised to change the workplace as dramatically as the introduction of computers and case management software did in the early 1980s. We believe it can be used to substantially improve employee processes in many areas beyond legal research," the paper... [Read more](#)

The Rural Justice Collaborative Digest for December 2024

Funded by the [State Justice Institute](#), the [National Center for State Courts](#), in partnership with [Rulo Strategies LLC](#), 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, resiliency, and ingenuity. The Rural Justice Collaborative is guided by and an advisory council of rural practitioners representing the judiciary, public safety, behavioral health, public health, child welfare, victim services and other stakeholder-focused justice systems. The advisory council guides the initiative and has focused initial efforts on advancing innovation, promoting collaboration... [Read more](#)

Announcements



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

Action - Current Applications in State Courts on **December 18th, 2024, at 1:00PM EST**. Courts are using artificial intelligence (AI) to improve operations and aid staff. Join in for the fifth session in the AI and the Courts webinar series, featuring a discussion of real-world applications of AI tools. Participants will learn how to describe current uses of AI to improve operations in large and small courts, understand common challenges and solutions in using AI for operations and know



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

Designing for Impact - Enhancing Family Law Through User Experience and Technology on **December 20th, 2024, at 2:00PM EST**. Join this webinar to learn how the use of technology and careful consideration of user experience can enhance the family law experience for users and professionals. This session will provide vital insights for judges and court administrators who are interested in integrating user-centered design in family legal

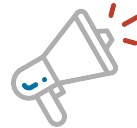
how to access the NCSC AI sandbox to practice. Register [here](#).

services. For more information and to register now, click [here](#).



Registration Now Open! The [Academy of Court-Appointed Neutrals](#) (ACAN) has just opened registration

for the 20th Anniversary Celebration and 2025 Annual Meeting at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. from **March 5th-8th, 2025**. Registration for this event will be limited to 250 individuals total. ACAN is positioned to draw in people from organizations of jurists, court staff, lawyers, technical and scientific professionals, and academic institutions to attend its Annual Meeting. The early bird special discounted rate is available until **December 20th, 2024**. ACAN offers significant discounts on registration to members. To learn more about the program schedule, event speakers, pricing, membership and where to register, please visit: [2025 Registration](#).



New Initiative! *Pretrial, Prosecution, Defense Counsel, and Courts Mentoring Initiative*.

Now Accepting

Applications for Mentor Sites.

The [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) and RTI International are seeking mentor sites to share their best practices and expertise with diverting justice-involved persons with substance use disorders to community-based treatment or connecting individuals to treatment and support services during the pretrial and court adjudication phases of justice processing. This program is part of the training and technical assistance (TTA) resources available through BJA's [Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program](#) (COSSUP).

Application Deadline: January 17th, 2025. Apply [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 **Feb 1, 2025**.

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



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