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## Grantee Spotlight: Wyoming Judicial Branch - Mental Health Diversion Project



Behavioral health diversion is built on a guiding hypothesis: Diverting non-violent individuals with serious mental illness away from the criminal justice system and into community-based treatment and support services will transform lives, reduce recidivism, generate cost savings, and ease the burden on jails, courts, and state hospitals. This hypothesis has been proven in well-resourced urban centers like Miami. [The Wyoming Judicial Branch](#) is now testing whether it holds true in a rural, under-resourced jurisdiction like... [Read more](#)

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## In the News

### The Judicial Innovation Fellowship Program

The Judicial Innovation Fellowship (JIF) is a fellowship for technology industry professionals to transform justice across state, local, territorial, and tribal courts. Partnering with courts to build critical data infrastructure, simplify processes, and improve usability of court services, this competitive fellowship is a unique opportunity to innovate a core democratic institution. The JIF is incubated at the [Georgetown Institute for Technology Law & Policy](#). This work is made possible by the [State Justice Institute](#), the New Venture Fund, Schmidt Futures, the Ford Foundation, the Utah Bar Foundation, the [Pew Charitable Trusts](#), and the Fritz Family Foundation. The inaugural cohort took place from 2023-2024. This successful pilot is commemorated in the [JIF Final Report](#) and the [Judicial Innovation Fellowship Webinar](#) video, which was recorded in January 2025... [Read more](#)

Courting AI: Understanding Artificial Intelligence in Courts Guide

The [National Association for Court Management](#) (NACM) has released an updated *Courting AI: Understanding Artificial Intelligence in Courts* Guide. NACM presents the first revision of their AI Guide adding additional use cases in the courts and the broader legal profession. This guide continues to be a reference for courts and court professionals pursuing the responsible use of AI. The AI Guide, *Courting AI: Understanding Artificial Intelligence in Courts*, V2 (2025) is available through the NACM... [Read more](#)

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## Announcements



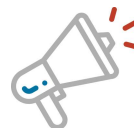
New Judiciary Training! *Judiciary Training on Substance Use*. All Rise's [Center for Advancing Justice](#) is now accepting requests for non-treatment court judges to receive training on substance use. In collaboration with the National Judicial College, the Center's [Judiciary Training on Substance Use](#) offers no-cost training opportunities specifically tailored for judges who may encounter individuals with substance use disorders in judicial settings other than treatment courts. These trainings focus on the impact of substance use disorders and evidence-based judicial responses that improve outcomes for individuals in the justice system. For more information and to request this training, click [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar! The [National Association for Court Management](#) (NACM) will be hosting a *Court Security Webinar* on **February 26th, 2025, at 3:00PM EST**. The revised NACM Court Security Guide incorporates the latest best practices and technological advancements to help mitigate risks and ensure the protection of judiciary personnel, visitors and facilities. The guide was developed in collaboration with security experts and court managers and provides practical strategies for implementing effective security protocols. This webinar seeks to delve deeper into the discussion on court security and provide additional resources for you to implement in your court. For more information and to register for this webinar, click [here](#).



Register Now! The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) will be hosting the 2025 National Conference on Juvenile Justice taking place **March 16th – 19th, 2025**, in Boston, Massachusetts, at the Boston Marriott Copley Place.



Apply Now! **2025 Access to Justice Prize**. [The United States Department of Justice](#) (DOJ) [Office for Access to Justice](#) (ATJ) is excited to announce the opening of submissions for the 2025 Access to Justice Prize. The Prize is a year-long, nationwide

The conference will feature amazing presentations on current and cutting-edge topics that will inspire you, broaden your knowledge, and provoke discussions about issues facing the juvenile and family court system. This conference is designed for a wide range of disciplines and is open to all those interested in the improvement of child welfare and the juvenile justice system. Register [here](#).

competition designed to spark innovative solutions to address the justice gap and promote equal access to justice for all. The theme for the 2025 Prize is “Closing the Rural Justice Gap,” and we are seeking proposals that address access to justice challenges in rural communities. **Application Deadline: March 31st, 2025.** For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

If you are interested in sharing court related news or announcements in the SJI newsletter, please send all content to [contact@sj.gov](mailto:contact@sj.gov) by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 **May 1, 2025**.

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