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Grantee Spotlight: AI Readiness for the State Courts – The National Center for State Courts



The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) has brought together experts and practitioners to develop comprehensive guidance on AI Readiness for the state courts. The project, funded by SJI, aims to provide resources for courts along the whole spectrum of AI maturity, from courts that are just beginning to think about AI to courts that have already implemented AI projects. The AI Readiness Workgroup includes court leaders, court practitioners on the cutting edge of AI implementation, and experts in court technology, psychology, computer science, design.... [Read more](#)

In the News

The Rural Justice Collaborative Digest for January 2025

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](#)

Nearly Two-Thirds of Americans Express Trust in State Courts, State of the State Courts Survey Poll

More Americans are expressing trust and confidence in state courts, according to the [National Center for State Courts'](#) annual State of the State Courts survey. The newly released 2024 survey shows that nearly two-thirds (63%) of Americans express trust and confidence in America's state courts. It's the second consecutive year that the trust barometer has moved up. "Public trust and confidence is the stock and trade of the courts," said Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby of the D.C. Court of Appeals. "It's heartening to see this survey reflect that most Americans feel we are earning that trust. As national court leaders, we are committed to earning that confidence every day." The... [Read more](#)

Announcements



Upcoming Webinar! [The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ)

will be hosting: *Veterans Treatment Courts: Enhancing Support for Military-Connected Survivors of DV/SAS in the VTC Process* on **February 11th, 2025, at 1:00PM EST**. This training provides Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) personnel, court judges, legal clerks, and other key stakeholders with the tools and knowledge needed to support military-connected survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Sexual Assault, and Stalking (DVSAS). It explores the unique dynamics of these cases, challenges in navigating military and civilian systems, and the importance of building coordinated responses. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



Deadline Extension!
New Pretrial,
Prosecution, Defense
Counsel, and Courts

Mentoring Initiative Deadline Extended: **February 14th, 2025, at 5:00PM EST**. The [OJP 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 to jurisdictions through BJA's [Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program](#) (COSSUP). Apply [here](#).



Register Now! The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ)



Apply Now! **2025 Access to Justice Prize**. [The United States Department of](#)

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. 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](#).

[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 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@sjj.gov by the 10th of the month.

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The next deadline to submit a grant application to SJI is **Feb 1, 2025**.

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