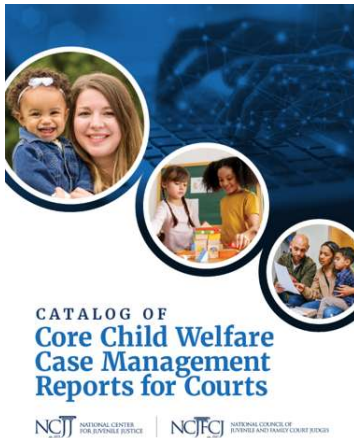




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Grantee Spotlight: Enhancing State Court Efforts to Address Child Abuse and Neglect



In 2016, the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) (NCJFCJ) developed the Enhanced Resource Guidelines (ERGs) to outline best practices for handling child abuse and neglect cases. To support implementation, NCJFCJ launched a project to train select jurisdictions in ERG-based practices. The ERGs emphasize keeping families together, ensuring access to justice, cultural responsiveness, appropriate family time, and child safety. Research has shown that ERG implementation improves case outcomes, including faster permanency, better parental understanding in court, and increased family engagement.... [Read more](#)

In the News

Trauma-Informed Practice Strategy Lab for Criminal Courts (TIPS Lab)

The [Center for Justice Innovation](#), with funding from the [State Justice Institute](#), is leading the development of the Trauma-Informed Practice Strategy Lab for Criminal Courts (TIPS Lab). The TIPS Lab aims to bridge the gap between training and implementation of trauma-informed practices in criminal courts. The TIPS Lab has developed a comprehensive Blueprint to address the urgent need for trauma-informed practices within the criminal court system. See attached for an Executive Summary of the forthcoming Blueprint. The Center is currently offering no-cost, actionable... [Read more](#)

[The Rural Justice Collaborative Digest for March 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 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... [Read more](#)

Civil Protection Orders: A Guide for Improving Practice

The [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#) has just released a newly updated section of the Civil Protection Orders: A Guide for Improving Practice! This section of the publication focuses on the intersections of civil protection orders with firearms, military protective orders, and technology. For more information and to... [Read more](#)

Announcements



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

Duty Matters - Why Public Education Is Key to Community Engagement on **March 20th, 2025, at 3:00PM EST**. Explore innovative strategies for educating the public and boosting civic engagement around jury service. With jury trials facing growing challenges, public awareness and participation are more critical than ever. Hear about trends, challenges, actionable recommendations, and new resources available to courts, bar organizations, and business and community organizations to strengthen public engagement with jury service. Register [here](#).



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 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](#).

New Judiciary Training! *Judiciary Training on Substance Use*. All Rise's [Center for Advancing](#)

Upcoming Conference! The 2025 [American Judges Association](#) (AJA) Midyear Conference is open for



[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. To request this training, click [here](#).



registration. The AJA is hosting their midyear conference from **April 11th to April 13th, 2025, in Reno, Nevada** at the National Judicial College. The conference theme is: *Strengthening the Foundations of Justice: Sharpening Your Skills in a Changing World*. It features interesting and informative education sessions and valuable networking opportunities. For more information and to register now, 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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