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Grantee Spotlight: Keeping Families Together: Preserving and Reunifying Families with Substance Use Disorder Through a Family Recovery Court – University of Texas at Arlington



The Keeping Families Together: Preserving and Reunifying Families with Substance Use Disorder (KFT) project was established to refine and test a Family Recovery Court (FRC) model for child welfare-involved families with substance use disorders. In collaboration with the [Williamson County Family Recovery Court](#), Dr. Catherine LaBrenz and her team at the [University of Texas at Arlington](#) (Dr. Hui Huang, Dr. Philip Baiden, and Dr. Yeonwoo Kim) partnered to manualize the FRC model, assess ongoing barriers and facilitators of implementation, provide continuous quality... [Read more](#)

In the News

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 November 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!
*Civil Diversion
Outcomes: Preliminary
Data and Findings from
the NCSC Eviction Diversion
Initiative.* Join the [National Center
for State Courts](#) on **November 21st,
2024, at 3:00PM EST** for the final
session of the Civil Diversion
Webinar Series. Learn more about
the work happening through the
Eviction Diversion Initiative (EDI)
grant program and some of the
preliminary findings about its
transformative impact. Successful
civil diversion programs leverage
existing legal, financial, and social
service resources in a community to
provide support to litigants who
want to resolve their disputes
outside of traditional litigation.
Register [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar!
The [National Judicial
College](#) (NJC) will be
hosting: *Understanding
and Navigating Tech-
Enabled Trauma* on **November
26th, 2024, at 3:00PM EST**. By
understanding the differences
between online and offline trauma,
you can meet modern victims where
they are and help them find ways to
heal. In this session, you will use
case studies and practical scenarios
to explore how we can eliminate
victim blaming and shaming,
mitigate re-traumatization and
inform our trauma-informed
approaches to be more effective in
online spaces. For more
information and to register now,
click [here](#).



Seeking Applicants! The
Reaching Rural
Initiative is sponsored

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

by the [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA), the [State Justice Institute](#) (SJI), and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC). We are seeking individual practitioners or cross-sector teams from the same community or region interested in adopting bold solutions and reimagining how diverse organizations and agencies with different missions can engage with one another to address the persistent challenge of substance use in rural communities. Deadline: **December 16th, 2024, at 5:00PM EST**. Apply [here](#).



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. Take advantage of the early bird rate and register now! 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](#).

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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