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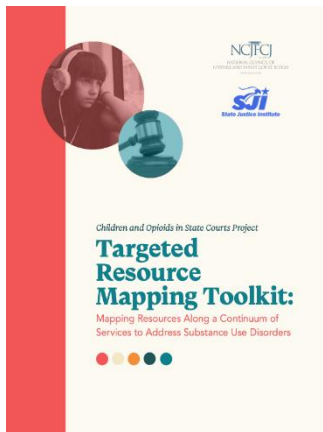
Infant-Toddler Court Program: Tip Sheet for Trauma-Responsive Courts (2021)



Trauma responsive courts embrace a universal precaution model, which assumes that all children, families, and court stakeholders could have a history of exposure to trauma prior to court involvement. In collaboration with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN), the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) created a trauma assessment protocol for juvenile and family courts. The tips provided in the following sections are general recommendations that can be used to assist in creating trauma responsive court environments, policies, and practices. Additionally, it is recommended that courts assemble a committee to review their current practices and court environment and work to create a plan to meet court being a more trauma responsive court. While these tips and questions can inform courts on how to become more trauma responsive, recommendations could change depending on individual court circumstances.

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Targeted Resource Mapping Toolkit: Mapping Resources Along a Continuum of Services to Address Substance Use Disorders (2021)

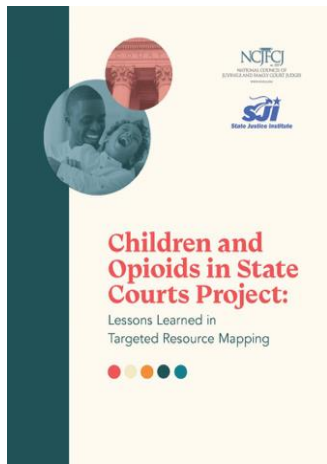


In 2019, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) received funding support from the State Justice Institute (SJI) to manage the Children and Opioids in State Courts Project. The project design included providing training and technical assistance to juvenile and family courts across the country to address the effects of opioid use disorders (OUDs) and other substance use disorders (SUDs) on children and families.

As a result of that work, the NCJFCJ developed the Targeted Resource Mapping Toolkit (Mapping Toolkit). The Mapping Toolkit includes templates to develop a Targeted Resource Map (resource map), Targeted Resource Directory (resource directory) and Targeted Resource Mapping Action Plan (action plan).

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Children and Opioids in State Courts Project: Lessons Learned in Targeted Resource Mapping (2021)

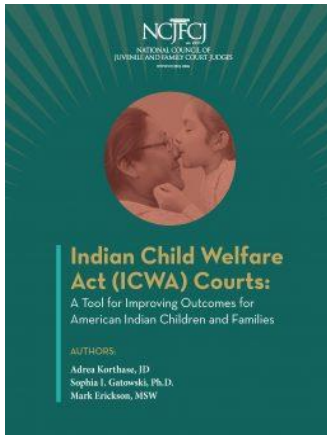


The NCJFCJ selected 15 judicially-led site stakeholder groups to facilitate a process for targeted community mapping to build a substance use continuum of care, which includes identifying a range of local interventions and services around: prevention, treatment/intervention, harm reduction, reducing death and overdose, and recovery.

This report includes lessons learned based on the challenges experienced and solutions used by the stakeholder groups during the targeted mapping process. The NCJFCJ considers the lessons learned throughout the project as recommendations for future stakeholder groups to follow when conducting targeted resource mapping around a continuum of care that can effectively address OUDs and other SUDs

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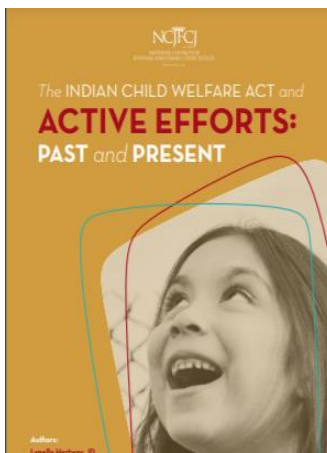
Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Courts: A Tool for Improving Outcomes for American Indian Children and Families (2021)



The St. Louis County Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Court in Duluth, Minnesota, currently led by Judge Sally Tarnowski, is a dedicated docket of child welfare hearings involving Indian children as confirmed or presumed by the definitions outlined in the ICWA and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA). The cases come to Judge Tarnowski either as identified by the county child welfare agency or transferred by another judge following an initial hearing, with the ICWA Court having the majority of cases involving Indian children. The docket is held in a specific courtroom and at a consistent time and day. The environment and characteristics of the hearing process are informed by regular Tribal State Partnership Team (TSPT) meetings as well as meetings of an ICWA Collaborative. positive outcomes for children and families

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The Indian Child Welfare Act and Active Efforts: Past and Present (2021)



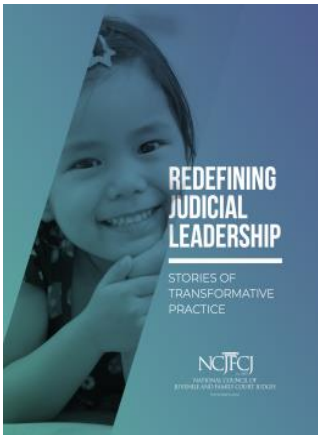
Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in 1978 to address the widespread practice of state entities removing American Indian and Alaskan Native children from their homes and families. Congress found “an alarmingly high percentage of Indian families are broken up by the removal, often unwarranted, of their children from them by non-tribal public and private agencies and that a high percentage of such children are placed in non-Indian foster and adoptive homes and institutions.”

This publication is a companion to others developed by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) regarding ICWA for judges, court staff, attorneys, child welfare professionals, and other stakeholders involved in child welfare cases. It focuses on the use of active efforts as an essential tool in the implementation of ICWA and as a best practice in child welfare. It is intended to provide the history behind ICWA and, in doing so,

outline both the why and the how of active efforts in ICWA implementation.

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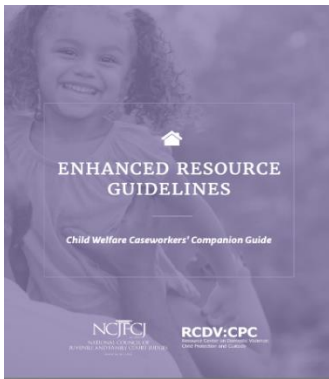
Redefining Judicial Leadership: Stories of Transformative Practice (2020)



Through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) funding, the **Implementation Sites Project** was developed to replicate the infrastructure pioneered by the National Council of Juvenile and Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Model Courts Project. Designated sites have committed to develop and implement a judicially-led collaborative seeking to implement system reform efforts to improve the child abuse and neglect case process with the goal of improving safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children. These sites strive to adhere to, and implement, all aspects of the best practices outlined in the **Enhanced Resource Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases** while adopting the **Key Principles of Permanency Planning for Children**.

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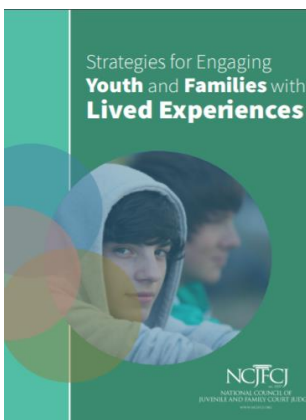
Enhanced Resource Guidelines: Child Welfare Workers' Companion Guide (2020)



This Child Welfare Caseworkers' Companion Guide to the NCJFCJ's **ENHANCED RESOURCE GUIDELINES** has been developed with the goal of improving caseworker hearing practice in child abuse and neglect cases generally, but also with a focus on improving caseworker hearing practice in cases involving domestic violence. The **ENHANCED RESOURCE GUIDELINES: Child Welfare Caseworkers' Companion Guide** is intended to be a resource for building knowledge about hearing practice, promoting effective hearing practices, and enhancing court and child welfare agency collaboration in the child welfare system and domestic violence..

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Strategies for Engaging Youth and Families with Lived Experiences (2020)



Juvenile and family court professionals should work to positively impact the children and families involved in the justice system. Engaging people who have past involvement in the juvenile and family justice system can positively impact future children and families by ensuring that policies include a person-centered approach. People with lived experiences are those who have gone/are going through certain circumstances, such as being involved in foster care, the juvenile justice system, substance use, etc. These individuals have valuable firsthand experience that can inform policy decisions in a positive way. In addition, it is important to bring diversity to representation and deepen engagement of those with lived experiences.

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Implementation Sites Project (2019)



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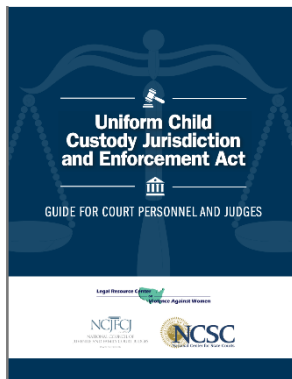
Animal Cruelty Issues: What Juvenile and Family Court Judges Need to Know (2019)



The NCJFCJ and Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) co-hosted the Judicial Responses to Animal Cruelty Issues Convening in 2019. The NCJFCJ and ALDF staff met with the judges to discover what judges are doing in their communities to address animal cruelty; identify what judges need to know about animal cruelty and the link to violence; and determine what actions, recommended practices, tools, and resources are needed to assist judges to address animal cruelty in their juvenile and family court cases. The Convening resulted in the development of this bulletin, animal cruelty training sessions, and the Resolution Regarding Animal Cruelty and its Link to Other Forms of Violence, passed by the NCJFCJ Board of Directors.

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Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act: Guide for Court Personnel and Judges (2018)



This guide, developed by the Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women, the National Center on State Courts, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, is intended to help you to determine whether your court has jurisdiction to enter or modify a child custody order in these and other interstate cases, as well as to understand your responsibilities to enforce orders from other jurisdictions.

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Sustaining the Change: Lessons Learned from Judicial Leaders (2018)



The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' (NCJFCJ) think tank series brings judges together to share knowledge and provide insights on issues of relevance to court improvement and collaborative systems change. The judges invited to participate in think tanks are former and current Model Court Lead Judges. These national judicial leaders have considerable experience leading system-wide collaborative stakeholder teams to design and implement program, practice, and policy changes to improve outcomes for children and families involved in the foster care system. The NCJFCJ think tank series aims to tap into the wealth of the Lead Judges' knowledge base and experience to provide a lessons learned resource to other jurisdictions engaged in collaborative court improvement efforts.

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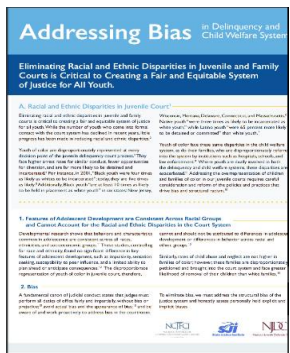
Judicial Tip Sheet on Kinship Care: Kin First (2018)



In an effort to promote the importance of placing children with family members, a one page tip sheet for judicial officers on kinship care was created in partnership with the American Bar Association and the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF). The tip sheet addresses four main points: 1) the importance of kin, 2) the identification of kin, 3) the role of the court, and 4) licensing issues. The tip sheet was reviewed by NCJFCJ board directors and AECF Kinship Advisors, who indicated a clear support of the sheet and its value as a resource for new judges who may not be familiar with the benefits of kinship care and as a useful reminder for more experienced judges. This resource will also be available at Grandfamilies.org.

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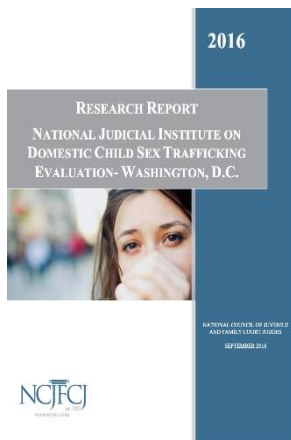
Addressing Bias in Delinquency and Child Welfare Systems (2018)



NCJFCJ has created *Addressing Bias in Delinquency and Child Welfare Systems*, a bench card emphasizing that “eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in juvenile and family courts is critical to creating a fair and equitable system of justice for all youth. “The Addressing Bias bench card educates juvenile and family court judges about structural, explicit, and implicit bias; provides judges with self-reflection tools to help them recognize and prevent bias in their courtroom; and offers judges concrete strategies to correct implicit bias.

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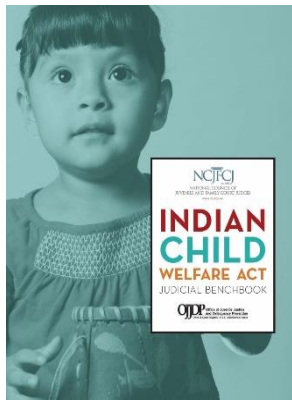
National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking Evaluation (Washington, D.C.) (2016)



Domestic child sex trafficking (DCST) is a growing and complex problem in the U.S. Juvenile and family court judges are in a unique position to assist victimized youth to ensure they receive necessary services to heal and recover from the trauma caused by DCST. To help train judges on this important issue, the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking was created by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in partnership with Rights4Girls and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The Institute's goal is for judges to return to their communities with a greater ability to identify children who are at risk for or are currently being trafficked, to utilize effective prevention and intervention strategies, and to gain a stronger sense of their courtroom and community roles to help prevent and end domestic child sex trafficking.

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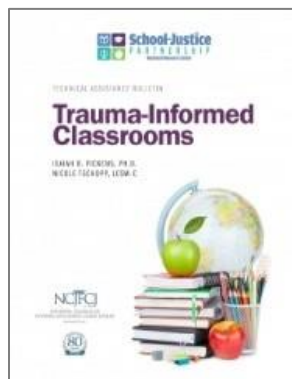
Indian Child Welfare Act Judicial Benchbook (2017)



Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in 1978 to address the widespread practice of state entities removing American Indian and Alaskan Native children from their homes and families. Congressional findings memorialized in ICWA included “an alarmingly high percentage of Indian families are broken up by the removal, often unwarranted, of their children from them by non-tribal public and private agencies and that a high percentage of such children are placed in non-Indian foster and adoptive homes and institutions.” The Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) promulgated federal regulations governing ICWA in 2016. These binding regulations provide additional definitions, timelines, and required judicial findings that must be made on the record in an effort to create more consistency in ICWA implementation.

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Trauma Informed Classrooms (2017)



The impact of students' life experiences on their behavior has garnered increasing attention as schools strive to develop more supportive academic environments that address the needs of at-risk youth and facilitate continued academic engagement. Few events outside the classroom have as profound an impact on multiple domains of student development as traumatic life experiences. Traumatic events can include domestic violence, abused and neglect, school violence, loss of loved ones, and community violence, just to name a few. The range of student responses to trauma can vary from yelling to isolation. Students who have experienced trauma often have a distorted perception of the world and sense of not being safe. Creating an environment that fosters resilience and offers support to students who may experience a

traumatic life event can potentially prevent unwanted disruptive behaviors in the classroom. This technical assistance bulletin provides a basic understanding of the impact of trauma and adverse life experiences, how those experiences can impact behavior in the classroom, learning how to recognize

trauma, and strategies for creating trauma-informed classrooms.

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A Snapshot of the Implementation Sites Project (2017)

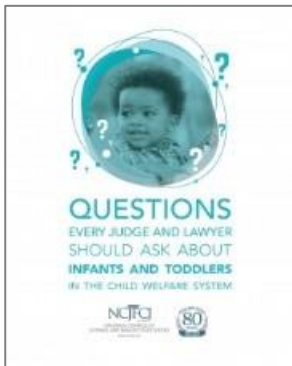


In late 2014, eight sites were selected to participate in the project. These jurisdictions are dedicated to implementing the infrastructure pioneered by the Model Courts project which includes the development of a judicially-led collaborative seeking to implement systems change efforts to improve the child abuse and neglect case process and, ultimately, improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children.

This publication highlights the court improvement efforts of the initial eight Implementation Sites including their accomplishments and outcomes so far, and their short and long-term goals.

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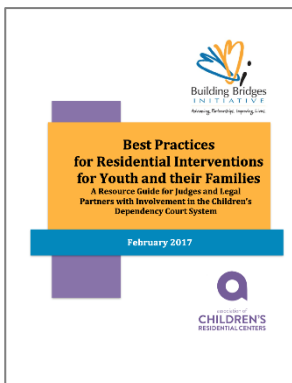
Questions Every Judge and Lawyer Should Ask About Infants and Children in the Child Welfare System (2017)



This technical assistance brief and accompanying bench card were developed for use by judges, attorneys, child advocates, and other child welfare professionals working with families and their children under five years old. It covers topics and potential issues that should be addressed in order to meet the complex and wide-ranging needs of this vulnerable population. The technical assistance brief and bench card are organized by topic, with recommended questions every judge and lawyer should ask to solicit important information to best address the needs and well-being of the child and family.

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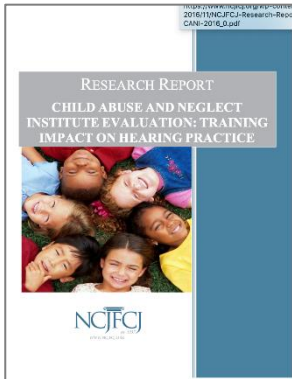
Best Practices for Residential Interventions for Youth and Their Families (2017)



This guide is intended as a resource guide for judges and legal partners with involvement in the children's dependency court system. Judges are responsible for critical legal decisions concerning the permanency, safety and well being of children and adolescents. These decisions can at times revolve around whether a child or adolescent should remain in their home or be placed in a residential program to address behaviors currently preventing them from living safely at home and in the community. To help guide judges and legal partners in making decisions about the appropriate use of a residential program this guide provides an overview of when a residential intervention is indicated and what to look for in determining a safe, quality and effective program.

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Child Abuse and Neglect Institute Evaluation: Training Impact on Hearing Practice (2016)



The research summarized in this report examines whether judges' participation in the Institute positively impacts their actual on-the-bench judicial practice. Judges' pre-CANI and post-CANI preliminary protective hearings (PPH) were coded and analyzed to determine if there were any positive changes in their on-the-bench PPH practice after their participation in CANI. Results found several statistically significant positive improvements in PPH practice post-CANI: judges increased their engagement of the mother; increased their use of specific engagement strategies with the father; increased their level of judicial inquiry of issues overall as well as level of discussion of specific issues; and were more likely to make clear, verbal reasonable efforts on the record.

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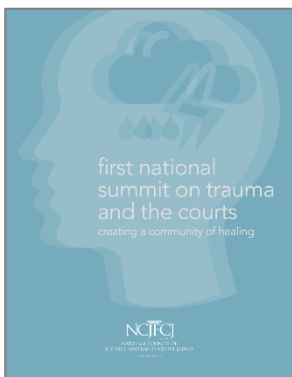
Enhanced Resource Guidelines (2016)



"The *Enhanced Resource Guidelines* will serve as the NCJFCJ's blueprint for training on child abuse and neglect practices, and is monumental in shaping the way courts handle cases to best serve the children and families involved in the court system," said Melissa Gueller, NCJFCJ program director for child abuse and neglect. The *Enhanced Resource Guidelines* covers all stages of the court process, from the preliminary protective hearing until juvenile and family court involvement has ended, which leads to the child safely being returned home or placed in a new, secure and legally permanent home.

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First National Summit on Trauma and the Courts: Creating a Community of Healing (2016)

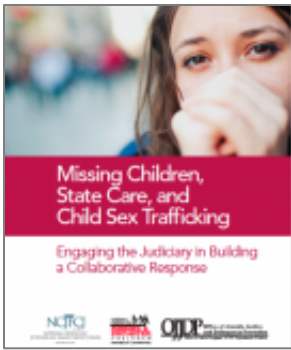


The First National Summit on Trauma and the Courts: Creating a Community of Healing was held on August 5-6, 2015 at the Semi J. and Ruth W. Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education, a research center in the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. The summit brought together both experts and judicial leaders from across the country to examine and focus on moving from research to practice in a court setting in the context of trauma, the impact of adversity and trauma on human development, evidence-based practice, environmental stress, creating communities of healing and building strong collaboration.

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Missing Children, State Care, and Child Sex Trafficking: Engaging the Judiciary in Building a Collaborative Response (2015)

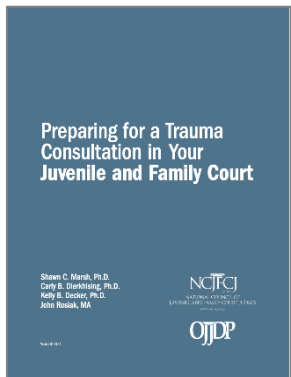
This technical assistance brief is intended to educate judges about steps to be taken to assist in the



location and recovery efforts for children missing from care by ensuring the legal guardians, social workers, and child advocates within child-serving agencies are aware of and engage assistance from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children on behalf of these endangered missing children. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children along with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges stand ready to engage in any further conversations with members of the judiciary about the development of model policies and procedures based on the recommendations in this brief. We look forward to providing ongoing technical assistance, as requested.

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Preparing for a Trauma Consultation in Your Juvenile and Family Court (2015)



The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges has released *Preparing for a Trauma Consultation in Your Juvenile and Family Court*. This guide, available online, outlines what courts need to know about a trauma consultation (also known as a “trauma audit”), and how such a consultation can help courts become more trauma-informed across the environment, practice, and policy. Based on work with over a dozen courts across the country, the guide outlines a conceptual and basic operational framework for trauma-informed courts — including positioning them as a critical stakeholder in a healing community. Supported by funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the guide is a living document that will be updated with lessons learned and advances in the field as they emerge.

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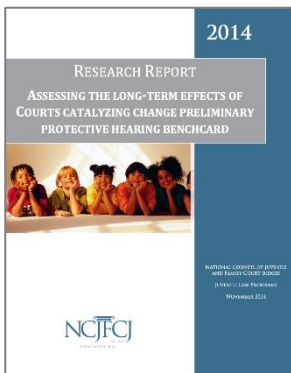
Project One: Spotlight on the Inaugural All-Sites Meeting (2014)



This brief serves as a summary of a foundational event in the life of the Project ONE initiative—the All-Sites meeting held in Reno, Nev. May 2014. The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) developed Project ONE as a groundbreaking effort designed to transform the various courts that serve youth and families into more unified courts that are better situated to serve the needs of families. A pilot project—identifying six courts from around the United States—is enabling these sites to take bold steps toward more unified courts that provide better-coordinated services for families. These six sites, with training and technical support from NCJFCJ and from each other, are helping to clarify for courts how to move more effectively toward a unified court model. The May 2014 meeting of teams from the six sites proved as enlightening to the sites as it did to the national movement to advance this concept.

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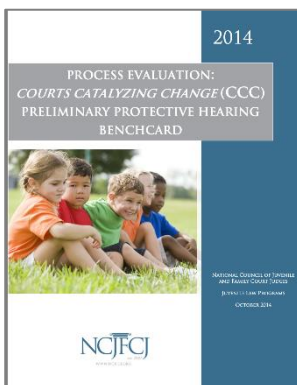
Assessing the Long-Term Effects of Courts Catalyzing Change Preliminary Protective Hearing Benchcard (2014)



The Courts Catalyzing Change: Achieving Equity and Fairness in Foster Care Initiative (CCC) brings together judicial officers and systems stakeholders to set a national agenda for court-based training, research and reform initiatives to reduce the disproportionate treatment of children of color in the dependency court system. One of the tools developed from this initiative was a Benchcard for judges to use at the first dependency court hearing (e.g., preliminary protective hearing). Early research on the effectiveness of this tool indicated that judicial officers using the tool discussed more items at the hearings, had higher levels of inquiry, and better engaged parents in the process. Further, Benchcard users were more likely to place a child with a parent or relative at early hearings compared to stranger foster care.

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Process Evaluation: Courts Catalyzing Change Preliminary Protective Hearing Benchcard (2014)



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