



National Council of Juvenile  
and Family Court Judges



*Respect, Caring, Safety,  
Well-Being, Responsibility, Justice*



**2010  
Annual Report**

In 2010, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges continued to pursue its mission to improve the juvenile justice system and raise awareness of the issues that touch the lives of many of our nation's children and families. Since its founding in 1937, the NCJFCJ has been committed to improving outcomes for children and families in crisis; this commitment has made the NCJFCJ a leader in continuing education opportunities, research, and policy development in the field of juvenile and family justice.

From its headquarters on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, the NCJFCJ is led by a 29-member Board of Trustees and issue-focused committees made up of dedicated and enthusiastic NCJFCJ members. Through the organization's four program departments, the NCJFCJ provides cutting-edge training, expert technical assistance, publications, practice assessment tools, research, and policy development in the areas of domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, delinquency, family law, substance abuse, and other timely issues.

Our dedicated staff are committed to meeting the needs of our members and others working in the field in their efforts to improve justice for our nation's most vulnerable citizens.

## NCJFCJ facts at-a-glance

**ESTABLISHED:** 1937, headquartered at the University of Nevada, Reno since 1969.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Nearly 1,800 members (judges, magistrates, referees, court administrators, probation officers, and other juvenile and family justice professionals) from every state and several foreign countries.

**LEADERSHIP:** 29-member Board of Trustees, led by Judge R. Michael Key, NCJFCJ President.

**ANNUAL BUDGET:** \$13.8 million.

**STAFF:** 105, located in Reno, Nevada, Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



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In 2010, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges remains committed to ensuring that our nation's children and families receive the best possible outcomes from a justice system that is fair, effective, and timely. This report highlights NCJFCJ's many efforts in 2010, including the following:

### What's New

- NCJFCJ published a number of resources during 2010 including *Civil Protection Orders: A Guide for Improving Practice*. At the White House's Domestic Violence Awareness Month event in October 2010, President Obama and Vice President Biden highlighted the *CPO Guide* in their remarks about efforts to protect domestic violence victims and their children.
- Work began on NCJFCJ's Multi-Court Collaboration (MCC) Initiative which seeks to provide judges with practice guidance for supporting the needs of families and children no matter which jurisdictional "door" of the courthouse they enter.

### Collaboration

- NCJFCJ continues to collaborate with a number of national organizations on projects, publications, and other resources, including the ABA Center on Children and the Law, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Family Violence Prevention Fund, National Child Traumatic Stress Network, National Center for State Courts, the National CASA Association, and many others.

### Continuing Education

- In 2010, NCJFCJ trained or assisted in training nearly 10,000 judges and juvenile and family justice professionals at its Reno headquarters and around the country on a variety of topics related to juvenile and family justice. In March, NCJFCJ presented the first National Conference on Juvenile and Family Law for more than 600 participants in Las Vegas, Nevada; this redesigned national conference presented more than 90 plenary and workshop sessions on topics including the future of the juvenile justice system, the value of cultural differences, crossover youth, high-conflict families, disproportionality in the child welfare system, animal cruelty, the adolescent brain, the effects of domestic violence on children, and many more. NCJFCJ presented several webinars on topics including firearms and domestic violence and interstate stalking, and plans to increase use of this technology in 2011.

### Diversity

- Ongoing work on the Courts Catalyzing Change initiative resulted in publication of *Right From the Start: The CCC Preliminary Protective Hearing Benchcard*, a practical and concrete judicial tool for use at the first dependency hearing which will help judges reduce disproportionality and disparity in the child welfare system.
- NCJFCJ worked with tribal judicial leaders to focus increased attention on the needs and challenges of tribal courts. In December 2010, more than 40 tribal and state court judges, NCJFCJ leadership and staff, and other key partners participated in the Tribal Judicial Leadership Gathering held at the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona.

### Research

- In addition to decades-long work on the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, a major focus in 2010 has involved working with providers serving delinquent and dependent youth in Pennsylvania to implement the Quality Improvement Initiative (Qii), which aims to improve quality of services through data-driven decision making.

### Looking to the Future

- NCJFCJ looks forward in 2011 to a wide variety of efforts, including the development of a pilot training to help judges respond to adolescent partner violence; special issues of *Juvenile and Family Court Journal* focused on judicial ethics and immigration; new training, publications, and Web resources on juvenile drug courts, and much more.

"I think [the NCJFCJ] should be the organization that people think of first when they think of issues involving children and families."

*Judge Ernestine S. Gray  
New Orleans, Louisiana*

## President's Message

Welcome to the 2010 Annual Report of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. It has been an honor to serve as your president this year and I am grateful to our members, partners, and staff, whose dedication and commitment to the improvement of our nation's juvenile and family courts have made a difference in the lives of so many children, families and others served by our nation's juvenile and family courts. This year has been overshadowed by the nation's continuing economic downturn which has strained the budgets and resources of governments, courts, businesses, and especially our nation's families. Times like these seem to hit the hardest those who are the least able to withstand it. These demanding times require renewed dedication as well as innovation, and the Council has shown in 2010 that it is up to meeting these challenges.



The following pages provide information on the significant work being done in NCJFCJ's Family Violence, Juvenile and Family Law, and Permanency Planning for Children departments, and our research division, the National Center for Juvenile Justice. Our innovative programs, new publications, and valuable conferences and trainings continue to try to not only meet, but anticipate, the

needs of our members and the juvenile and family justice field at large. NCJFCJ's dedicated staff has gone above and beyond this year to provide the best possible tools that will help courts in their challenging daily work. Our Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and Committees have demonstrated the kind of leadership that called them to service in the first place.

2010 was a year of significant transition when Mary V. Mentaberry, our Executive Director, retired. Mary served the Council with honor and distinction for more than 37 years and left her mark as a tireless leader with great passion for the work and commitment to the Council. She has been, and will continue to be, missed. While a search for the new Executive Director was underway, Past President Judge Dale Koch of Portland, Oregon, unselfishly served as Interim Executive Director, and did a marvelous job. We cannot thank Dale and his wonderful wife, Bonnie, enough for the personal sacrifice they made for the Council. In early 2011, Mari Kay Bickett came on board to fill this challenging position. We are excited to have Mari Kay as the Council's Executive Director—the Council is in great hands at the top and throughout the organization as we move forward doing the work for which we are known, and as we continue to be a leader in the area of juvenile and family court justice, court systems collaboration, and reforms, which improve justice for children and families.

  
*Judge R. Michael Key*

NCJFCJ's 2010-11 Executive Committee includes (standing, from left): Judges David E. Stucki, Secretary; Patricia M. Martin, President-Elect; and Douglas F. Johnson, Immediate Past President. Sitting, from left: Judges Michael Nash, Treasurer, and R. Michael Key, President. Judge Patricia A. Macías, Immediate Past President for 2009-10, is seated at right.





NCJFCJ conducted a Lead Judges meeting in May 2010 for the Victims Act Model Court Project. Pictured here are Model Court Lead and Co-Lead Judges Michael McPhail (Hattiesburg, Mississippi); Sally Simmons (Tucson, Arizona); Margaret Hayden (Newark, New Jersey); Maxwell Griffin (Chicago, Illinois); and Wadie Thomas (Omaha, Nebraska).



Judges Douglas Johnson, Connie Cohen, and Maurice Portley talk after the opening session at NCJFCJ's July 2010 Annual Conference in San Diego.



Frank DiCataldo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology from Roger Williams University, presents a session on "Registration and Notification for Juvenile Sex Offenders" in October during Core College in Reno.



Mary V. Mentaberry retired as Executive Director in October 2010, capping a 30+ year career of notable accomplishment and service at the NCJFCJ. Mary is pictured with President Judge R. Michael Key (left) and Interim Executive Director Judge Dale Koch at the November 2010 event marking her retirement.



Dean Erwin Chemerinsky from the University of California Irvine School of Law provided the keynote address at the July 2010 73rd Annual Conference in San Diego, California. Dean Chemerinsky and Judge Anita Josey-Herring talk after his session.

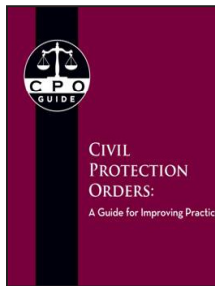


Jerry Tello, co-founder of the National Compadres Network and director of the National Latino Fatherhood and Family Institute, spoke on the value of all cultures in our lives at the plenary session at the March 2010 National Conference on Juvenile and Family Law.

## Family Violence Department

The Family Violence Department (FVD) is dedicated to improving the way courts and communities respond to family violence, while recognizing the legal, cultural, and psychological dynamics involved. Its ultimate goal is to improve the lives of domestic violence victims and their children.

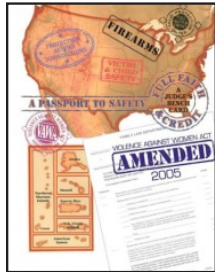
In 2010, the FVD unveiled a major publication, presented 58 training programs, distributed 12,380 publications, responded to 870 technical assistance requests, and had 3,234 items downloaded from its Web site. Highlights of the year include:



**Protection Orders and the Courts** – This project, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), focuses on domestic violence protection orders at both the issuance and enforcement stages. At the White House's Domestic Violence Awareness Month event in October 2010, President Obama and Vice President Biden introduced the FVD's newest publication, *Civil Protection Orders: A Guide for Improving Practice (CPO Guide)*,

and spoke about the unprecedented, coordinated efforts across the federal government to protect victims of domestic and sexual violence. The *CPO Guide*, a revised and updated version of *A Guide for Effective Issuance and Enforcement of Protection Orders (Burgundy Book)*, was one of several publications singled out in the materials distributed by the White House to the event's attendees.

**The Full Faith and Credit: A Passport to Safety, A Judge's Guide**,



updated in 2010, is designed to facilitate the efforts of states, tribes, and territories to implement the Full Faith & Credit Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This version reflects the 2005 amendments and expands *Passport to Safety* from its original issuing and enforcing bench cards to include two new subject-area cards: one on firearms and one on custody, visitation, and support provisions within protection orders.

**National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence (NJIDV)** – The NJIDV, funded by OVW, is a joint project of the FVD and the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF); it provides a continuum of judicial education in the area of domestic violence with NJIDV's core program, the *Enhancing Judicial Skills (EJS)* course, and a more advanced *Continuing Judicial Skills* course. In 2010, the EJS workshop received a report affirming its work following a multi-year evaluation of its efficacy in changing judicial practice. The

report indicates that the EJS workshop is effective in positively impacting access to justice, judicial leadership, victim safety, and offender accountability.

**The Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody** – The Resource Center provides technical assistance, training, policy development, and publications in the special issue area of child protection and custody in adult domestic violence cases. Highlights of 2010 include the *Beyond Greenbook: Charting Co-Occurrence Work Through 2015* meeting, which built on the strengths and lessons learned during the *Greenbook* initiative and began the process of developing a long-term strategy to continue the reform effort.

**Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program** – The FVD continues to work with OVW's Supervised Visitation Program grantee communities to provide guidance on their collaborative efforts, receive training on law- and court-related issues, and create meaningful community collaborations and inter-agency procedures. The FVD is also developing an interactive Web site that will feature interactive training modules and serve as a resource library for Supervised Visitation Program grantees and non-grantees.

**Adolescents and Intimate Partner Violence: A National Judicial Curriculum** – The FVD is developing a pilot training on adolescent partner violence which will increase the capacity of judges to respond to this issue.

**A Judicial Guide to Child Safety in Custody Cases** – The FVD began implementation of *A Judicial Guide to Child Safety in Custody Cases* by launching a nationwide, full-scale roll-out of the publication and providing comprehensive training and technical assistance to implementation sites.

**Enhancing Judicial Skills in Cases Involving Abuse and Sexual Assault Against the Elderly** – The OVW-funded Elder Abuse project is a collaborative effort of the FVD and the FVPPF. The project's goals are to enhance the safety of elderly individuals and ensure greater perpetrator accountability through judicial education. In April, the FVD presented the *National Abuse in Later Life Summit* which focused on methods of enhancing the safety and quality of life of older victims of abuse.

**Technical Support to Technical Assistance Providers for OVW** – The FVD continued to operate the Center for Education on Violence Against Women (CEVAW) in its Washington, D.C., office and to provide state-of-the-art conference facilities and technical support to OVW technical assistance providers. In October, the FVD and CEVAW provided technical assistance and meeting support for the *OVW Roundtable on Sexual Violence in America*.

**"This seminar was the best I have ever attended in 14 years as a Circuit Judge. The exercises were powerful and have given me an entirely new perspective when dealing with domestic violence cases."**

*Conference Participant  
Enhancing Judicial Skills in  
Domestic Violence Cases Workshop  
October 2010*

The mission of the Juvenile and Family Law Department (JFLD) is to impact national policy and enhance the functioning of juvenile and family courts through research, professional education, and technical assistance to support healthy outcomes for all children, youth, families, and communities. Whether at national conferences for 1,000 participants or small, intensive workshops for 20, the JFLD continues to provide comprehensive training and technical assistance in areas such as delinquency, substance abuse, judicial leadership, problem-solving court principles, social cognition, child support enforcement, dually-adjudicated youth, adolescent and child development, and a host of other topics in juvenile and family law.

Training highlights for 2010 included *Core College: Role of the Juvenile Court Judge* at NCJFCJ headquarters; *Managing Challenging Family Law Cases* (held in partnership with the National Judicial College) at NCJFCJ headquarters; 2010 *Joint Dependency/Delinquency All-Sites Conference* in Louisville, Kentucky; *Judicial Response to Alcohol and Other Drugs* in Memphis, Tennessee; and *A Juvenile Drug Court Micro-Training* in Montgomery, Alabama. Altogether in 2010, the JFLD coordinated or substantively participated in over 20 trainings for more than 1,000 juvenile and family court professionals from all corners of the United States.

The Juvenile Justice Model Court Project supports improved practice in delinquency cases in jurisdictions across the nation through dissemination and implementation of the *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Delinquency Cases* (JDG), and efforts have continued to secure base funding to support the implementation of the JDG. To date, implementation of the JDG via model court sites has been supported through contract funding from each site. Seven active model courts in 2010 included Austin, Texas; Buffalo, New York; Cincinnati, Ohio; Howell, Michigan; Reno, Nevada; San Jose, California; and Tucson, Arizona. Representatives from these seven courts and two new model court sites (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota – statewide) attended the 2010 Joint Dependency/Delinquency Lead Judges' Meeting and All-Sites Conference.

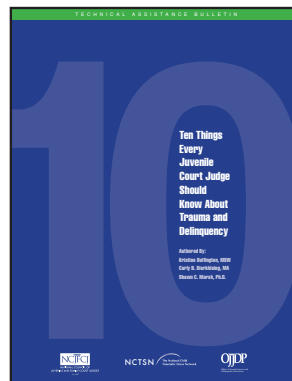
The JFLD successfully completed two contracts in 2010 with the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts. Under the *Guide for Juvenile Delinquency Court Performance Measures Project*, JFLD assisted in the development of statewide delinquency court performance measures for California. Under the *Juvenile Court Users Research and Technical*

*Assistant Project*, JFLD worked with select pilot courts to identify challenging areas for court users, propose possible solutions, and assist with implementation of specific strategies.

The JFLD continues to work with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to bring NCJFCJ judges the latest information from the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative through training inserts and articles in NCJFCJ's *Juvenile and Family Justice TODAY* magazine.

Three publications were developed and released under the National Juvenile Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Project:

- *Managing and Sustaining Your Juvenile Drug Court;*
- *Ensuring Fidelity to the Juvenile Drug Courts Strategies in Practice – A Program Component Scale;* and
- *Using Sober Support Groups in Your Juvenile Court.*



In collaboration with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, JFLD also released a Technical Assistance Brief entitled, *Ten Things Every Juvenile Court Judge Should Know About Trauma and Delinquency*.

Responsive technical assistance, both office-based and on-site to judicial officers and other juvenile and family court professionals, continued to be a particular strength of the JFLD in 2010, with over 125 discrete technical assistance requests fulfilled. Further, JFLD coordinated several international visits to the NCJFCJ for the purpose of information sharing.

**“The very concept of the Juvenile [Justice] Model Court enabled Hamilton County Juvenile Court to take a constructive review of our process, operations, and services. The Key Principles helped us to see where we were and where we wanted to go. We haven’t looked back since.”**

*Judge Thomas Lipps and Mr. John Shore  
Hamilton County, Ohio*

## 8 National Center for Juvenile Justice

The National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) is the Research Division of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. NCJJ is the oldest juvenile justice research group in the United States, having conducted national and sub-national studies on crime and delinquency since 1973. NCJJ's success for the past 38 years has been predicated on a sound understanding of empirical research within a sophisticated yet practical sensitivity to the context of practitioner settings. This unique blend of professional skill and practical experience produces scientifically rigorous work that can be practically understood and used for improving implementation practices and the outcomes they hope to achieve.

NCJJ's flagship projects are still the cornerstones of the Center's work and include the National Juvenile Court Data Archive (1975), the National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Project (1990), and the Technical Assistance to the Juvenile Court Project (1984).

### *Reporting on the Work of the Nation's Juvenile Courts*

In 2010, the National Juvenile Court project released the [2006-2007 Juvenile Court Statistics Report](#).

*"Drawing on data from the National Juvenile Court Data Archive, Juvenile Court Statistics 2006-2007 profiles the nearly 1.7 million delinquency cases handled each year by U.S. courts with juvenile jurisdiction in 2006 and 2007... The broad array of data provided in these pages should inform the efforts of policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and other concerned citizens as they work to enhance America's juvenile justice system." - Jeff Slowikowski, Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention*

### *Providing Easy-Access Data Analysis Tools to Inform Decision Making*

The Data Analysis project, funded by OJJDP, produces the [Statistical Briefing Book](#) (SBB), an online resource that provides users with quick and easy access to detailed statistics on a variety of juvenile justice topics. Recent updates to the SBB include:

- [Easy Access to Juvenile Populations](#) - national state, county population estimates through 2009.
- [Juveniles as Victims](#), with sections detailing juvenile victims of child maltreatment and violent crime victimization (homicide, suicide, and sexual assault) among other topics.
- [Juveniles as Offenders](#), detailing the trends and characteristics of known juvenile homicide offenders, and comparisons between adult and juvenile offenders.

### *Helping Service Providers Develop and Use the Evidence Behind Their Programming*

Interventions for at-risk youth are more likely to be effective if programs have clearly defined target populations, apply proven

strategies that are delivered with consistency and competence, document implementation processes and outcomes, and then collect and use data from this work to inform decisions as part of the organization's routine business. To that end, NCJJ has been working throughout Pennsylvania with providers serving delinquent and dependent youth to implement a continuous quality improvement project, the Pennsylvania [Quality Improvement Initiative](#) (Qii). Change and improvements occur by following sequential steps that focus on establishing procedures, empowering staff, placing youth first, and achieving a long-term organizational commitment to data-driven decision making.

**Assess:** Assess how interventions are being operationalized (i.e., documented and implemented).

**Plan:** Develop action plan with goals and tasks for improving service delivery.

**Monitor:** Use data to monitor if improvements were successful.

**Improve:** Implement successful improvement.

### *Reaching Out to the Next Generation of Justice Researchers*

Launched in 2010, the first [Cohill Young Investigator Award](#) was given to Ms. Claire Arndt from Bay City, Michigan, who received recognition at the NCJFCJ Annual Conference in July 2010 in San Diego, California.



Claire Arndt receiving her award from the Honorable Douglas Johnson, NCJFCJ Board President (July 2010).

The Cohill Young Investigator Award is a national scholarship competition open to 11th and 12th grade students in traditional high school, home school, tribal school, or juvenile placement settings. The competition is named after NCJJ's founder, the Honorable Maurice B. Cohill, Jr., a federal judge in U.S. Federal Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Cohill has dedicated his life to the pursuit of justice for young people in the juvenile justice system and developed NCJJ into the nation's preeminent juvenile justice research organization. The scholarship is partially supported by the Elsie Hillman Foundation as well as by individual donors in the Pittsburgh region.

*"Meeting with NCJJ staff to discuss the latest Teen Court research was such a help! I can see that there is powerful work going on in the field of juvenile justice and I enjoyed the professional dialogue. Thanks for broadening my perspective of the field."*

*Dr. Kathryn Atman (ret.)  
Emeritus Professor  
University of Pittsburgh*



The Permanency Planning for Children Department (PPCD) engages in local, statewide, and national systems change in courts that hear child abuse and neglect cases. Through national projects and initiatives, training, technical assistance, and research, the PPCD works with judges, jurisdictions, and communities nationwide to implement best practices and improve outcomes for the nation's abused and neglected children and their families.

**Model Courts Project** – The Victims Act Model Courts project, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) of the U.S. Department of Justice, serves courts nationwide. Implementation of the “Model Courts: The Next Generation” paradigm includes increasingly rigorous performance measurement of each Model Court’s progress in its systems change efforts, ongoing implementation of the Courts Catalyzing Change (CCC) initiative, bringing new Model Courts into the project, building tribal court outreach, enhancement of the *RESOURCE GUIDELINES*, and statewide collaboration with Court Improvement Programs (CIPs).



### **Courts Catalyzing Change: Achieving Equity and Fairness in Foster Care**

With funding and support from Casey Family Programs (CFP) and OJJDP, PPCD published the technical assistance bulletin *Right From the Start: The CCC Preliminary Protective Hearing (PPH) Benchcard, A Tool for Judicial Decision-Making*. Pilot site test data were used to inform the final version of the PPH Benchcard, guide recommendations regarding use

and implementation, and inform related training tools. Upon publication of findings in a peer-reviewed journal, the PPH Benchcard will be the first evidence-based practice of its kind.

**NCJFCJ’s Tribal Judicial Leadership Group** – With generous support from CFP, a Tribal Judicial Leadership Group of tribal and state court judges, representatives from organizations that support tribal work, and partners who work with tribes has been established to help inform NCJFCJ’s efforts to expand tribal outreach. Work focuses particularly on child abuse and neglect cases with priorities to improve state court compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act and to improve tribal and state court collaboration, utilizing the *Court Reform and American Indian and Alaskan Native Children: Increasing Protections and Improving Outcomes* technical assistance bulletin.

**Multi-Court Collaboration (MCC) Initiative** – With NCJFCJ’s Family Violence and Juvenile and Family Law departments, and the National Center for Juvenile Justice, PPCD has begun MCC initiative development. The initiative is designed to provide judges with practice guidance for supporting the needs of families and children no matter which jurisdictional “door” of the courthouse – family law, child welfare, family violence, juvenile justice, etc. – they enter.

**National Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues** – The NCJFCJ, ABA, and NCSC are jointly designated as the Children’s Bureau’s Training and Technical Assistance Network National Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues. The NCJFCJ Judicial Leadership Curriculum is the framework for the implementation focus of the Resource Center, and the PPCD will bring its cutting-edge Training Evaluation Tools to the CIPs through the Resource Center.

**Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (CANI)** – This week-long judicial training has been held annually in Reno since 1996, providing judges with cutting-edge legal and practice training in child abuse and neglect case handling. National demand for CANI training has resulted in its expansion to regional trainings; in October 2010, CANI was held in Georgia for 47 judges and due to its success, future regional CANIs are planned.

**Washington Workload Project** – PPCD is finalizing a comprehensive judicial workload assessment in Washington State. This project, the only one of its kind, was designed to evaluate how implementation of best practices in the *RESOURCE GUIDELINES* affects judicial workload both on and off the bench and its impacts on dependency case practice and outcomes.

**National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy** – Through an ongoing partnership with PPCD, model practices for courts to promote teen and unplanned pregnancy prevention are being developed for piloting in Model Court sites.

Key publications (in addition to those listed above):

- *Key Principles of Permanency Planning*
- *ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY GUIDELINES*
- *Building a Better Collaboration: Facilitating Change in the Court and Child Welfare System*

“CCC is the forebearer of fundamental change for ALL children and their families in our nation’s foster care system. It is changing the way courts view the majority of families in protection cases. Once the fundamental principles of CCC are practiced throughout this country, minority foster children will have the same chances for ‘real permanency,’ permanency rather than aging out, as non-minority foster children have today.”

*Judge Patricia Martin  
NCJFCJ President-Elect  
Chicago, Illinois*

## Membership

NCJFCJ's nearly 1,800 members—juvenile and family court judges, referees, masters, commissioners, court administrators, probation officers, counselors, social workers, and other related professionals—hail from every state and several foreign countries. Our members play a vital role in the organization, from attending trainings and working on committees to being trained as faculty and serving in leadership roles. Although their perspectives may differ, their goals are the same: to administer effective and enlightened justice, to rehabilitate troubled youths and families, to protect abused and neglected children, and to be an advocate for the best interests of children, families, and victims of domestic violence.

Non-judicial professionals hold associate NCJFCJ membership, and many are also joint members of the National Juvenile Court Services Association. The NJCSA, a membership organization for court personnel, has, since 1972, worked toward improving the skills and proficiency of professionals in the juvenile justice system.

NCJFCJ members have the opportunity to serve on committees focusing on domestic violence, dependency, juvenile delinquency, family law, and international juvenile justice issues to lend their professional perspective and expertise to addressing the challenges faced by juvenile and family courts. They are also an important voice in helping NCJFCJ address policy issues, and in 2010 gave input on how the organization should stand on issues such as child custody cases involving military service members and the HELP Separated Children Act.

## Publications

NCJFCJ's long-standing serial publications—the monthly *Juvenile and Family Law Digest*, quarterly *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, and quarterly *Juvenile and Family Justice TODAY*—continue to provide the field with the latest information on issues affecting juvenile and family courts. The *Digest*, published monthly as an online resource, provides judges and other professionals with a summary of recent case law in the juvenile justice field. The

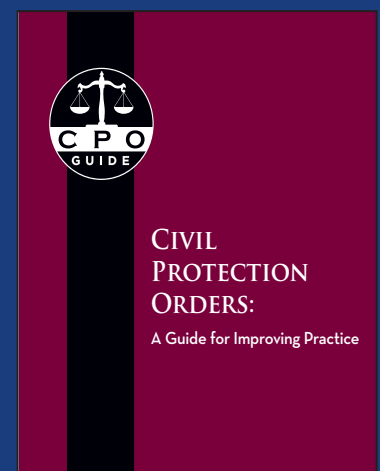
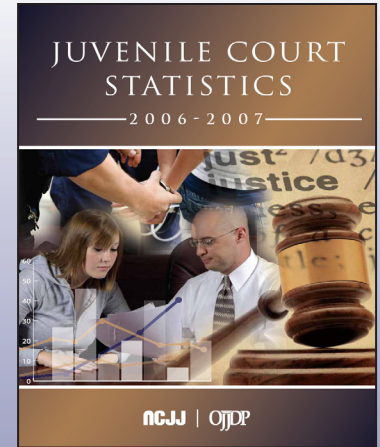


quarterly *Juvenile and Family Court Journal* and *TODAY* magazine present articles on topics related to the field of juvenile justice and family law.

In 2010, NCJFCJ also published a wide variety of resources focusing on such topics as civil protection orders, disproportionality in child dependency court, the relationship between trauma and delinquency, using “sober support” programs in juvenile drug courts, juvenile court statistics, and many more. These publications can be ordered or accessed at NCJFCJ's Web site ([www.ncjfcj.org](http://www.ncjfcj.org)), which provides the latest information on the organization's projects, publications, and conferences, as well as many other valuable resources for juvenile justice professionals.

“My involvement with the Council has taught me the role of the judge as a leader and convener of stakeholders who come together to effect systems reform, with the hope of improving the lives and outcomes for the children and families of our court.”

*Judge Angela E. Roberts  
Richmond, Virginia*



THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES AND AFFILIATES  
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	
Federal and state sources	\$ 10,540,759
Foundation sources	1,496,578
Other sources and contributions	507,319
Dues and subscriptions	343,279
Investment income	152,240
Registration fees	643,074
Other revenue	<u>184,677</u>
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	<u>13,867,926</u>
EXPENSES AND LOSSES	
Personnel	7,991,135
Travel	1,037,559
Contracts and honorarium	2,045,681
Subrecipients	96,932
Equipment leases and maintenance	77,749
Supplies and operating expenses	2,066,793
Other Council activities	179,288
Interest expense	7,949
Depreciation	63,589
Loss on investments	<u>2,334</u>
Total Expenses and Losses	<u>13,569,009</u>
Change in Net Assets	298,917
NET ASSETS, October 1, 2009	<u>2,610,928</u>
NET ASSETS, September 30, 2010	<u><u>\$ 2,909,845</u></u>

Note: Please see September 2010 Audit Report for complete presentation and notes to the financial statements.

## Sources of Support

Support from foundations, corporations, federal, state, and local agencies, and individuals is vital to the work of the NCJFCJ. The NCJFCJ gratefully acknowledges those organizations and individuals who have generously contributed during 2010, enabling the NCJFCJ to continue in its leadership role in the area of juvenile and family justice.

### Agencies, Foundations, Organizations

Allegheny (Pa.) Intermediate Unit  
 American Bar Association Center for  
 Children and the Law  
 American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
 Bank of the West  
 Annie E. Casey Foundation  
 State of California  
 Casey Family Programs  
 E.L. Cord Foundation  
 John Shaw Field Foundation  
 Elsie H. Hillman Foundation  
 Roxie & Azad Joseph Foundation Trust  
 Juvenile Law Center  
 Robert and Dorothy Keyser Foundation  
 Lucas County, Ohio  
 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur  
 Foundation  
 State of Maryland  
 National Campaign to Prevent Teen and  
 Unplanned Pregnancy  
 National Center for State Courts  
 State of Nevada  
 State of New Hampshire  
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and  
 Delinquency  
 State of Rhode Island  
 RicciGreene Associates  
 John Ben Snow Memorial Trust  
 Charles H. Stout Foundation  
 Temple University Hospital  
 Travis County, Texas  
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