

**NCJFCJ Board of Trustees Mid-Winter Meeting  
January 12-13, 2006  
Sonoma, California**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF JUDICIAL PROMOTION OF  
POSITIVE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN**

**WHEREAS**, juvenile and family court judges have been given the legal responsibility for children in the foster care system; and

**WHEREAS**, juvenile and family court judges are charged by law with keeping these children safe, ensuring that they are well cared for, overseeing efforts to rehabilitate parents, and ensuring timely permanency for each child; and

**WHEREAS**, juvenile and family court judges realize that one of the critical indicators of success for a foster child is a good education and that being in foster care presents unique educational challenges for each foster child.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the members of the Board of Trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges assembled in conference endorse:

1. The strong role of the juvenile court judge in overseeing the education of foster children in order to ensure that all foster children receive a good education, are not moved from school to school unnecessarily, are provided with specialized educational assistance (if necessary), and are apprised of opportunities for higher education after they leave the foster care system; and
2. The leadership responsibility of the juvenile court in holding all parties accountable for their efforts to provide an appropriate education for each foster child.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006

By the Members of the Board of Trustees Assembled in Conference  
In Sonoma, California