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## VISION

The VISION of the NCJFCJ is for a society in which every family and child has access to fair, equal, effective, and timely justice

## MISSION

The MISSION of the NCJFCJ is to provide all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice

## ESTABLISHED

1937, affiliate of the University of Nevada, Reno since 1969

## MEMBERSHIP

1,607 members including judges, magistrates, referees, court administrators, probation officers, and other juvenile and family justice professionals from 48 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign countries

## LEADERSHIP

27-member Board of Directors, led by NCJFCJ President Judge Katherine Tennyson

## ANNUAL BUDGET

\$13.3 million

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$11.7 million for the State of Nevada

## TEAM

87, located in Reno, Nev. and Pittsburgh, Pa.

## EDUCATION

In 2017, more than 870 requests for technical assistance were fulfilled and more than 11,500 judges, judicial officers, attorneys, and other juvenile and family court-related professionals were trained across the nation

## PARTNERS

American Bar Association, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Battered Women's Justice Project, Casey Family Programs, Center for Court Innovation, Communities In Schools, Conference of State Court Administrators, Florida Coalition for Children, Futures Without Violence, Juvenile Law Center, MacArthur Foundation, Models for Change, National American Indian Court Judges Association, National Association for Court Management, National Center for State Courts, National Congress of American Indians, National Court Appointed Special Advocates Association, National Juvenile Court Services Association, National Juvenile Defender Center, National Network to End Domestic Violence, PACE Center for Girls, PACE Youth Programs, Inc., Rights4Girls, The Coalition for Juvenile Justice, The Link, The National Judicial College, U.S. Office of Justice Programs, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Reno, and many others

# EVERY COURT, EVERY CHILD

## A MESSAGE FROM CEO JOEY ORDUNA HASTINGS

As I continue my tenure as Chief Executive Officer, I look back fondly on my first year as CEO and the NCJFCJ's historic 80th anniversary year: the celebrations, the dynamic membership involvement, cutting-edge trainings, premiere conferences, and new relationships. I am proud to serve our staff, Board of Directors, and membership. My colleagues at the NCJFCJ are devoted to systems reform, education, and improving the justice system response for our nation's children and families.



During my first year, I had the opportunity to travel throughout the United States to visit, observe, and discuss issues faced by our judiciary from fellow organizations and court systems. On the road is where I saw the NCJFCJ's membership truly at work. The relationships built through membership are strong and meaningful. It is humbling to hear stories of members reaching out to colleagues across the country when tragedy strikes, when assistance or advice is needed, or, hopefully more often

than not, when recognition is awarded and well deserved. It is amazing what can come from a short brainstorming session between two colleagues who happen to be visiting each other during a layover as they head back home or the mobilization of a group of leaders on Capitol Hill with a legislative agenda representing more than 1,600 members nationwide.

The NCJFCJ's 80th anniversary year was filled with celebrations including receptions in Reno, New York City, and Washington, D.C., local and national media coverage including an article highlighting our domestic child sex trafficking work in a Sunday edition of *The New York Times*. Our government leaders also acknowledged our 80th anniversary milestone through proclamations and letters. Thank you to all of you who supported us during this celebratory year including former Vice President Joe Biden, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, and many other national leaders. We aspire every day to provide the support and training you need to be most successful in your work. It is my belief that the training and technical assistance provided by the NCJFCJ carries with you throughout your professional career no matter the case type, docket, or promotional opportunity.

For 80 years, the NCJFCJ has developed this undeniable network of support and accessibility across the country to connect judges and court professionals in all areas of their work. What

PHOTO: The 80th Anniversary Reception, sponsored by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, in Washington, D.C. honoring the NCJFCJ's Trailblazers, Champions, and Leaders at the D.C. Court of Appeals. The NCJFCJ past presidents were presented with original artwork by newly adopted foster children. Thank you to the Washoe CASA Foundation.



grounds us all is our devotion and commitment to children and families and amplifying the importance of an independent, well-trained, and trusted judiciary. And that is the reason this organization is 80 years strong. The vision and mission of the NCJFCJ remains relevant for today's social and legal environments. The courts and the work of the judiciary are on the forefront of life-changing decisions and justice reform.

Founded by judges in 1937, the NCJFCJ continues to pursue a mission that raises awareness of the core issues that touch the lives of many of our nation's children and families, not just in their homes, but also in their schools and communities. These very issues are captured and discussed in our nightly news programs. The NCJFCJ is here to support our members and stand by you as we all strive to improve the judicial system. I'm also proud of the recent resolutions passed by the NCJFCJ that will shape the future of the legislative landscape. We've continued the efforts in the reauthorization and strengthening

of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, custody and visitation in civil protection orders, and adolescent development. We're also incorporating new research to address the needs of LGBTQ and homeless youth and families, creating tools for self-represented litigants, taking a position on independent oversight of youth confinement facilities, and updating bench cards specific to guidance on the Indian Child Welfare Act. We are exploring ways in which we can access technology to improve outcomes and identify ways in which we can ensure our work is broadly available in this digital age.



The NCJFCJ also continues guiding the child welfare world with our national blueprint for child abuse and neglect cases, the ***Enhanced Resource Guidelines***. In the span of 365 days, the NCJFCJ distributed 4,115 copies and educated nearly 500 justice professionals using the ***Enhanced Resource Guidelines!***

PHOTOS: Left - Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein addresses participants at the 80th Annual Conference; Right - NCJFCJ CEO Joey Orduna Hastings, Hon. Robert Hofmann, Hon. Richard Blake, Hon. Katherine Tennyson, Hon. John Romero, Jr., Hon. Tony Capizzi, and The National Judicial College President Hon. Benes Aldana at the 2017 National American Indian Court Judges Association National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference.

As we look forward to the next 80 years, I welcome your thoughts and feedback on how we can enhance our service and continue to advance the timely issues facing juvenile and family courts today. The NCJFCJ is focused on judicial and community engagement, especially in our rural and military communities. We also look to leveraging our partnership with Wiley Publishing to cast a wider audience for our quarterly, peer-reviewed *Juvenile & Family Court Journal*, which celebrates its 70th year in publication in 2019. I'm proud to share the accomplishments of our *Journal*, on the following page, which shines the light on issues of interest to the field of juvenile and family justice.

We continue to work in collaboration with the University of Nevada, Reno and one of our recent efforts together is a product 15 stories high. We officially commemorated the NCJFCJ as the eighth University of Nevada, Reno location with a sign raising celebration.



And finally, please keep in mind, **Council First**. When you have a question about your practice I hope you contact the **Council First**; when you meet a new colleague you let them know about the **Council First**; when you need technical assistance or research I hope you consider **Council First**. We are here to serve and support you. We are your National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and we are **Council First**.

Thank you for your ongoing support, membership, and commitment to this work, and for being the next generation of trailblazers, champions, and leaders.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joey Orduna Hastings'.

Joey Orduna Hastings, NCJFCJ CEO

## JUVENILE & FAMILY COURT JOURNAL

2017 - A YEAR IN NUMBERS

**21%** The percent increase of downloads from 2016.

**182** The average number of downloads per article.

**4,973** The number of subscriptions or licenses with access to the *Journal*—its global reach.



PHOTO: Hon. Sheri Roberts; Hon. Katherine Tennyson; Ron Zurek, vice president, administration and finance, UNR; Joey Orduna Hastings; Dr. Marc Johnson, president, UNR; Judge Egan Walker; Jeanne Karadanis; and Hon. Stephen Rubin (Ret.).

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# MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

For 80 years, the membership of the NCJFCJ has led the development and implementation of policy and practice for our nation's children, families, and victims of domestic violence who seek justice.

# 1,607

National and International Members

The NCJFCJ's 1,607 members—judges, judicial officers, court administrators, probation officers, educators, counselors, social workers, and other related professionals—hail from 48 states including D.C. and several foreign countries.

**927** State Council Members

**360** Individual Judge Members

**212** Associate Members

**28** NAICJA/NCJFCJ Members

**24** Past President Members

**18** NJCSA Joint Members

**12** Lifetime Members

**10** Private Sector and Amicus Council Members

**9** Student Members

**6** Organizational Members

**1** Law School Member

## LARGEST STATE COUNCILS IN 2017



**124** members



**120** members



**106** members



**75** members

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Members in the following countries and territories:

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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, GERMANY,  
CANADA, NIGERIA, AND AUSTRALIA**



# JUDICIAL EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Through technical assistance, professional educational opportunities, and research, the NCJFCJ's work enhances the function of juvenile and family courts and impacts national policy to support healthy outcomes for all our nation's children, youth, families, and communities.

## A YEAR IN NUMBERS



**11,500**

The number of judges, judicial officers, and other juvenile and family-court related professionals trained by the NCJFCJ.



## A YEAR IN RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES

Recognition of  
**NCJFCJ's 80th  
Anniversary**



Regarding  
**Juvenile  
Probation and  
Adolescent  
Development**

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The NCJFCJ's resolution sets an expectation that patience, persistence, flexibility and individualized care are the priorities for juvenile probation professionals.

**STEVEN BISHOP, ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION**





**1,331,300**

The number of miles the NCJFCJ team traveled to train, educate, and meet with judges and other court professionals.

**291 AND  
6,516**

The number of volunteers and estimated volunteer hours contributed, respectively.\*

**36,724**



The number of resources and technical assistance publications distributed and downloaded.



**870**

The number of technical assistance requests fulfilled.

\*Numbers are based on fiscal year 10/1/16-9/30/2017

Appreciation for  
the **NCJFCJ 80th  
Annual Conference**



In Support of the **Conference of Chief Justices' Resolution 1: In Support of Reauthorization of Court Improvement Programs**

In Support of the **Conference of Chief Justices' Resolution 2: In Support of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

# A YEAR IN RESOLUTIONS & POLICIES

In Support of the National Juvenile Defender Center bench cards *Access to Juvenile Justice Irrespective of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression (SOGIE) and Applying Principles of Adolescent Development in Delinquency Proceedings*



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Addressing the **Needs of Homeless Youth and Families in Juvenile and Family Courts**



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Too many young people exit child welfare and juvenile detention onto the streets. What happens in the legal system often makes the difference between whether their next stop after the courtroom is a home, a shelter or under a bridge. What judges do, inside and outside of their courtroom, can change this - this resolution is the first step to ending the courts-to-streets pipeline.

**CASEY TRUPIN, RAIKES FOUNDATION**

Regarding the **Need for Independent Oversight of Youth Confinement Facilities**

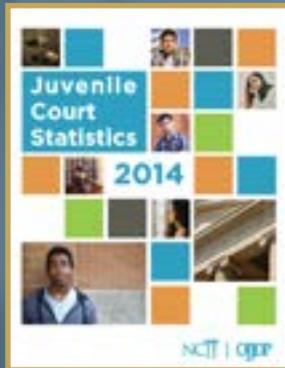
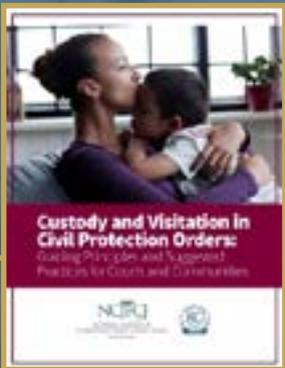
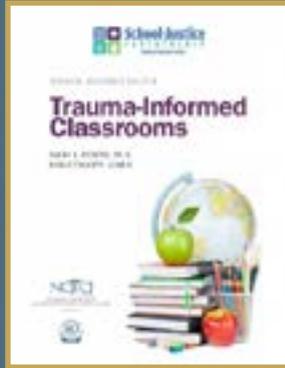
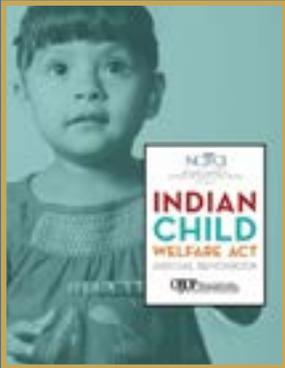
In many cases for LGBTQ-GNC youth, the last stop before hope is lost is the courtroom. Disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system, by the time they come to court these youth may have experienced bias and prejudice at home, school and in the community.

**HON. RAMONA GONZALEZ, LA CROSSE COUNTY, WI**

In Support of **Reauthorization and Strengthening of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and Elimination of the Valid Court Order (VCO) Exception**

In Support of the Principles and Practices of the *Custody and Visitation in Civil Protection Orders: Guiding Principles and Suggested Practices for Courts and Communities*

# A YEAR IN PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



10 Maneras de Encontrar Ayuda para su Caso  
 10 Pasos para Presentar Evidencia en la Corte  
 10 Things to Know About Family Court  
 5 Ways Juvenile Court Judges Can Use Data  
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 A Snapshot of the Implementation Sites Project  
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 Criminological Highlights: Children and Youth, Volume 4 Issues 3 & 4, Volume 5, Issues 1 & 2  
 Custody and Visitation in Civil Protection Orders: Guiding Principles and Suggested Practices for Courts and Communities  
 Deportation and Children  
 Developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for School-Justice Partnerships: Technical Assistance Tools  
 Disproportionality Rates for Children of Color in Foster Care (Fiscal Year 2015)  
 Disrupting School-Justice Pathways for Youth with Behavioral Health Needs  
 Guiding Principles for Effectively Addressing Child Custody and Parenting Time in Cases Involving Domestic Violence  
 Indian Child Welfare Act Judicial Benchbook  
 Juvenile and Family Court Journal, March 2017, June 2017, September 2017, December 2017  
 Juvenile Court Statistics 2014  
 La Deportación y los Niños  
 Outcome Evaluation of the Second Judicial District Court's Dependency Mediation Program (Washoe County, Nevada)  
 Process Evaluation of Nevada's Statewide Dependency Mediation Program  
 Process Evaluation of the Second Judicial District Court's Dependency Mediation Program, Washoe County, Nevada  
 Questions Every Judge and Lawyer Should Ask About Infants and Children in the Child Welfare System  
 Research Report: National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking Evaluation (Washington, D.C.)  
 Spotlight on Youth Homicide Victims  
 The Intersection of Juvenile Courts and Exclusionary School Discipline  
 The National Juvenile Court Data Archive Includes Data on Hispanic Youth in 2014  
 Trauma-Informed Classrooms  
 U.S. Age Boundaries of Delinquency 2016  
 What Can Juvenile and Family Courts Do to Respond to Trauma?

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Support from foundations, corporations, federal, state, and local agencies, and individuals are vital to the work of the NCJFCJ. Our deepest thanks and appreciation to those who understand how imperative the improvement of standards, practices, and effectiveness are for our nation's courts in the handling of juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases. We are a small step closer to fulfilling our vision for a society in which every family and child has access to fair, equal, effective, and timely justice. Thank you for your continued support.

For a complete listing of individuals who also generously contributed to the efforts of the NCJFCJ, please visit [www.NCJFCJ.org/donors](http://www.NCJFCJ.org/donors).

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# DONOR HIGHLIGHTS



Juvenile and family court judges have roles that are both challenging and vitally important to our communities. The NCJFCJ makes these public servants better at their work by providing practical guidance from the results of evidence-based research and from the exchange of innovative ideas and success stories from colleagues across the country.

I know first hand from my experience in public service and the private sector how valuable such shared information can be to decision making. I thank these judges for their service, and the NCJFCJ for helping them effectively fulfill their critical responsibilities.

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FEDERAL PROSECUTOR, ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY,  
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The Jessie Ball duPont Fund encourages its grantees to embrace diversity among leadership, staff, and constituents. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are among the Fund's core values, so the trustees were pleased to see that through their National Juvenile Court Foundation, the NCJFCJ is working proactively to increase the diversity of the organization's membership and create a more diverse pipeline of those entering the judiciary. It is refreshing to have an organization be so intentional about making this type of cultural change and the Fund was pleased to support the effort.

## **JESSIE BALL DUPONT FUND**



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

<b>REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	
Federal and state sources	<b>\$10,943,962</b>
Foundation sources	<b>\$478,075</b>
Other sources and contributions	<b>\$643,571</b>
Dues and subscriptions	<b>\$252,118</b>
Investment income, net	<b>\$150,306</b>
Registration fees	<b>\$606,580</b>
Other revenue	<b>\$153,639</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$13,228,251</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Personnel	<b>\$8,363,026</b>
Travel	<b>\$553,773</b>
Contractual	<b>\$1,872,874</b>
Subrecipients	<b>\$795,202</b>
Equipment leases and maintenance	<b>\$59,616</b>
Supplies and operating expenses	<b>\$1,474,697</b>
Other Council activities	<b>\$175,914</b>
Interest expense	<b>\$7,965</b>
Depreciation	<b>\$39,575</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$13,342,642</b>
Change in Net Assets	<b>(\$114,391)</b>
NET ASSETS, October 1, 2016	<b>\$4,780,382</b>
NET ASSETS, September 30, 2017	<b>\$4,665,991</b>

Note: Please see September 2017 consolidated financial statements at <http://www.ncjfcj.org/about/ncjfcj> for complete audit report and notes.

## FOUNDATIONS, FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDING AGENCIES

<i>Alaska Institute for Justice</i>	<i>Supreme Court of Ohio</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime through National Network to End Domestic Violence</i>
<i>Annie E. Casey Foundation</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>	
<i>Casey Family Programs</i>		<i>U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</i>
<i>Columbia University - Department of Psychiatry</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through American Bar Association</i>	
<i>Jessie Ball duPont Fund</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through Futures Without Violence</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women</i>
<i>Judiciary, State of Hawaii</i>		<i>U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women through Battered Women's Justice Project</i>
<i>Louisiana Supreme Court, Judicial Administrator's Office</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through Minnesota Department of Human Services</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women through Center for Court Innovation</i>
<i>MacArthur Foundation</i>		<i>U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women through Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs</i>
<i>Michigan State Court Administrative Office, Child Welfare Services</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through Zero to Three</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women through National Congress of American Indians</i>
<i>National Juvenile Defender Center</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance through National American Indian Court Judges Association</i>	
<i>Nevada Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts</i>		<i>University of Illinois</i>
<i>Regents of the University of Minnesota</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice</i>	<i>Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts</i>
<i>State Justice Institute</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime</i>	
<i>State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services</i>		<i>Wisconsin Court System</i>
<i>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through JBS International</i>	<i>U.S. Department of Justice, through Westat</i>	

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