



2025 NCJFCJ CONFERENCES

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## NOW OPEN

In 2025 the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) will hold the 2025 National Conference on Juvenile Justice from March 16-19, 2025, in Boston, Massachusetts. The NCJFCJ's 88th Annual Conference will be held July 20 - 23, 2025, in Chicago, IL.

The NCJFCJ Curriculum Committee is now accepting conference proposals for 60-minute breakout sessions for **EACH** conference (Please note: if your session is selected, it will be chosen for only **ONE** of the conferences). The committee is looking for sessions focused on current theories and promising practices for juvenile and family courts, as well as subject matters of professional interest to bench officers, court managers, and probation officers. We will prioritize those sessions which include a judicial officer as co-faculty.

The audience is composed of primarily juvenile and family court judges (both state and tribal courts), as well as probation officers, court professionals, attorneys, and community affiliates.

**[SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR BOTH CONFERENCES: October 11, 2024](#)**

The conference will offer a variety of sessions on cutting edge topics, current research, and innovative practices. We are looking for proposals on a broad range of topics such as:

- Court and community reform efforts for court involved families
- Juvenile justice - emerging topics, as well as 'essential' topics
- Family violence -- emerging topics, as well as 'essential' topics
- Child welfare systems improvement efforts
- Crossover youth, young adult
- Anti-shackling and detention alternatives

- Access to justice, procedural justice
- State and tribal court partnerships
- Unique tribal court interventions for families and children
- Domestic child sex trafficking
- Racial and ethnic disparity
- Implicit bias and decision-making
- Brain science, child development, trauma science
- Procedural justice
- Mental health aspects for juveniles and adults
- Juvenile and family drug treatment courts
- Judicial leadership
- Judicial ethics
- International family and juvenile topics, Hague
- UCCJEA, PKPA issues
- Case law updates national
- Children testifying in court
- Interviewing children
- Technological advances in courts
- Collaboration within court systems and among community stakeholders
- Intimate partner violence
- Elders abuse
- Custody and parenting time
- Financial aspects of divorce
- Access to justice

Letters reflecting the Curriculum Committee's decisions will be sent out after **January 1, 2025**. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Emma Schiller Carpenter, Conference and Events Coordinator, [eschiller@ncjfcj.org](mailto:eschiller@ncjfcj.org).

**I would like this proposal considered for:**

**\*Please note your session submission conference preference is noted, however you may be asked to present at either conference or both as the schedules are developed.**

2025 National Conference on Juvenile Justice ~ Boston, MA ~ March 16-19, 2025

88th Annual Conference ~ Chicago, IL ~ July 20-23, 2025

Both (I confirm availability for both conference dates)

**1. Proposed Session Title (*limit to 100 characters including spaces*):**

*\*Please note title may have suggested edits to increase audience interest*

**2. Summary Description (*50 words or less*) for use in the conference program. *\*Please note description may be edited for brevity, clarity***

**3. If you are currently working with a NCJFCJ team member employed by the NCJFCJ on this or another project, please identify the team member(s).**

**4. Presenter #1 (*Please verify all included presenters have been notified and are available below*):**

***\*Please note names and designations will be printed in marketing material as noted here.***

Name:

Prefix to be used (Hon, Dr, etc):

Professional Designation (PhD, JD, etc):

Title:

Organization:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone (where you can be reached for questions):

Phone (where you can be reached on day of workshop):

Resume or Bio - limit 250 words, enter here. Please note this is needed to provide continuing education credits to attendees.

By signing my name here, I confirm all included presenters have been consulted and are available over the selected conference dates.

**Presenter #2:**

Name:

Prefix to be used (Hon, Dr, etc):

Professional Designation (PhD, JD, etc):

Title:

Organization:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone (where you can be reached for questions):

Phone (where you can be reached on day of workshop):

Resume or Bio - limit 250 words, enter here. Please note this is needed to provide continuing education credits to attendees.

By signing my name here, I confirm all included presenters have been consulted and are available over the selected conference dates.

**Presenter #3:**

Name:

Prefix to be used (Hon, Dr, etc):

Professional Designation (PhD, JD, etc):

Title:

Organization:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone (where you can be reached for questions):

Phone (where you can be reached on day of workshop):

Resume or Bio - limit 250 words, enter here. Please note this is needed to provide continuing education credits to attendees.

By signing my name here, I confirm all included presenters have been consulted and are available over the selected conference dates.

**Presenter #4:**

Name:

Prefix to be used (Hon, Dr, etc):

Professional Designation (PhD, JD, etc):

Title:

Organization:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone (where you can be reached for questions):

Phone (where you can be reached on day of workshop):

Resume or Bio - limit 250 words, enter here. Please note this is needed to provide continuing education credits to attendees.

By signing my name here, I confirm all included presenters have been consulted and are available over the selected conference dates.

**5. One sentence why this presentation is of relevance to conference attendees. Provide details that might be helpful to assist the committee in its evaluation process (e.g., a *demonstrated novel systems improvement practice, or a subject matter of interest to the audience*).**

**6. NCJFCJ offers programmatic tracks at our conferences. Please indicate the best topic/audience for your session (you may select up to 2):**

- Juvenile Justice
- Child Welfare
- Domestic Relations
- Family Law
- Judges, Court Personnel/System Stakeholders
- Innovative and Emerging, as well as Essential Topics
- Practice/Practical
- Other (please specify):

**7. List of organizations or conferences where you have recently presented (please list a maximum of 5):**

**8. The NCJFCJ is dedicated to understanding the many needs of the communities our members serve and increasing the diversity of the messages our members hear.**

Please highlight if you, or the topic you propose, would assist the NCJFCJ in that mission (*limit 100 words*).

9. In order to provide proper continuing education credits, please provide at least 2 learning objectives for your session. Please try to use action words geared to the audience: *Limit 15 words per objective*

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10. The NCJFCJ is seeking interactive, highly engaging sessions for its attendees. There are many resources on the web. Please [click here](#) if you are interested in these specific tools. How do you plan to engage your audience in your topic if chosen? Please elaborate on the techniques you plan to use.

11. **I understand the NCJFCJ offers reduced conference registration fees for faculty, and free conference attendance for the day of my session if selected. I also understand that NCJFCJ will be very unlikely to reimburse for travel or other costs. Please confirm:**

I/We are able to fund travel and lodging expenses.

12. **All session rooms are equipped with a projector, screen, computer (PC), and several microphones, with audio and video capability. All materials must be downloaded and provided prior to the conference and brought by presenter (s) on a USB drive. Please confirm:**

I confirm my understanding of the above

13. **I will provide the session materials prior to the conference as requested, and will also provide a backup of my presentation. Please confirm:**

I confirm my understanding of the above

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*Thank you!*