

**Judicial Training Network
Overview of Project and
State Team Expectations**

Florida State Team Training
Orlando, Florida
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Introductions

- Faculty
- Florida State Team
- Office of State Court Administrator


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**Judicial Training Network is
Designed to:**

- Build in-state judicial expertise on the immigration issues and questions arising in state court proceedings
- Provide judge-to-judge support thorough *Judicial Resource Officers* that provide information when judges need it
- Improve access to justice for immigrant children, children in immigrant families and immigrant crime victims

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Judges Perspective on Project Goals



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States Participating


- Louisiana
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Mississippi
- New Mexico
- Florida



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Training Agenda Overview

- Judicial Training Network Project Description
 - Working lunch launching Florida state team work
- Evaluation discussions — opening next and end of the day
- Substantive workshops
 - Provide overview of topics project addresses
 - Access to additional training materials and information



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Grant Term and Trainings

- 2017 through June 2019/Feb 2020/June 2020
- 3 Multi-state trainings
 - 2018 – New Mexico - completed
 - 2019 – New Orleans
 - 2020 – Mississippi

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Trainings

- Annual trainings in each state designed to
 - Meet the needs of state court judges
 - Reach judges who most need the information
 - Over time reach significant numbers of judges who see in court
 - Immigrant children
 - Immigrant crime victims
 - Children in immigrant families

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State Judicial Trainers

- Year one in-state trainings national faculty
- State judicial leadership team choice year 2 and 3
 - In state trainings combined national and state judicial faculty
 - As state judges gain knowledge of the curriculum state judges take over training with support of national faculty

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Judge-to-Judge Technical Assistance Judicial Resource Officers

- One-on-one technical assistance to judges who
 - Need assistance with cases
 - Have questions they would like answered
- Delivered by state leadership team judges
 - Delivery system developed in each state
 - With back up of national partners and national judicial experts

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Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Children, Immigrant Crime Victims and Children in Immigrant Families

- NGO Partners
 - Outreach to programs serving immigrant and LEP children, victims, and families
 - Identify barriers to accessing the courts
 - Meet with court partner and state judicial leadership team to develop and implement plans for improving access to justice
 - Carry out plan collaborating with other NGOs in the state

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Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Children, Immigrant Crime Victims and Children in Immigrant Families

- Court Partners and Judicial Leadership Team
 - Meet with NGO partners to discuss barriers to access to justice for immigrant and LEP litigants
 - Identify areas in which local courts and courts statewide could implement improvements
 - Identify ways courts can work with NGO partners
 - Develop and implement a work plan for implementing identified improvements

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State Team Meetings

- Goal of next activities is to discuss, list and share with the large group ideas, plans and work underway
- For each of the project components
- Hear ideas from other states to learn from each other



Training Materials and Technical Assistance Back up

- Provided by AU and MSU
- We will
 - Provide direct technical assistance, connect you with a national judicial faculty member, or other national expert
 - Connect you with existing written training materials
 - Conduct research and draft new training tools to address issues identified by state judicial leadership team judges or other judges in your state



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Technical Assistance and Materials

- Power Point presentations and materials for this conference at
 - <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/jtn-nola-florida/>
- Judicial Training Manual at
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