

JUSTICE FOR ALL EXPANDS

The Justice for All Initiative, through a partnership of the National Center for State Courts and SRLN, announces additional support for implementation of civil justice reforms re-imagining how state courts can be more fair and accessible by ensuring that everyone gets effective assistance for their essential civil legal needs.



The rising number of people in poverty, the increase of self-represented litigants in our state courts, and severe funding deficiencies take our civil justice system further than ever from fulfilling the promise of equal access to justice. Faced with these challenges, leaders in the bench and bar have developed an array of innovations to help those who face civil legal problems. To date, however, these innovations have been offered in a piece-meal fashion, rather than in an integrated approach that combines services across sectors to make the best use of resources for each person with an essential civil legal need. The Justice for All Initiative assists states in planning for and implementing reforms that leverage stakeholders across sectors to provide legal help and resources, so individuals can have “what they need, when they need it, and in a format they can use.”

In 2016 the Justice for All Initiative laid out groundbreaking guidance on planning for 100% access to justice in accordance with [CCJ/COSCA Resolution 5](#). Seven Justice for All awardee states (Alaska, Colorado, Georgia, Hawai‘i, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and New York) worked with a variety of traditional and non-traditional civil justice stakeholders to develop a strategic action plan for state civil justice systems where everyone can get the legal information and help they need to protect their families, homes and livelihood. In 2018, Kentucky, New Mexico, Montana and Florida were added to the Justice for All Initiative.

Justice for All Awards & Technical Assistance

With new support from The JPB Foundation, and continuing support from the Public Welfare Foundation, the Kresge Foundation, and the Open Society Foundations, the Justice for All expansion will provide new awards for strategic action planning and implementation. Awards for assistance with state assessment and strategic action planning, and subsequent implementation pilots, will be granted to states through an RFP process. Technical assistance will also be provided to address specific state access needs throughout the planning and implementation process. The Justice for All Advisory Committee will provide Initiative oversight, including approval of grants and technical assistance.

Justice for All Tools & Guidance

Justice for All expansion will also leverage learning from initial Justice for All states through revised guidance materials and development of additional tools to support planning and implementation. These tools and guidance will be made publicly available on the [Justice for All website](#). Updates on implementation progress and additional resources, including the newly-passed [CCJ/COSCA Resolution 3](#), will be made available on the initiative website.

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