



COLLEGE OF LAW

CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ATTORNEY EDUCATION

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The unique design of the Children’s Justice Attorney Education (CJAE) program is intended to help attorneys become better advocates and thus, create better outcomes for the children and families they serve. Over eight months, CJAE Fellows participate in extensive training, expert case consultation and reflective practice exercises that allow them to develop a deep understanding of the complex social and family dynamics often present in juvenile court cases.

Program Components

- Four in-person workshops
- Monthly Multidisciplinary Team
- Bi-weekly Reflective Practice
- Stipend \$5,000
- Program runs April-November

Workshop Themes

- Child Welfare Law: Informed and Compassionate Advocacy
- Courtroom Advocacy and Preparation: Using a Trauma Informed Lens
- Understanding Needs and Advocating for Older Youth
- Understanding and Navigating: Permanency in Child Welfare

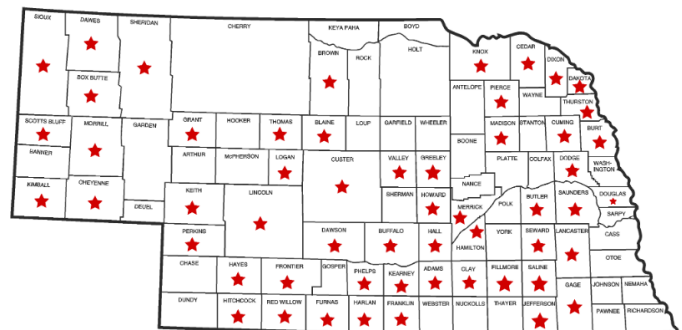
The CJAE provided valuable training that made my advocacy more targeted and focused on the best outcomes for children and families.

Kayla Haberstick
CJAE 2023 Fellow

Increasing Representation in Rural Nebraska

The shortage of attorneys practicing in juvenile court is most prevalent in our rural communities. The long-term effect of the CJAE is recruiting and retaining high quality attorneys for rural Nebraska.

Since the program began in 2021, the CJAE has trained attorneys who now work in 55 of Nebraska’s 93 counties, where 44 of those counties have fewer than 50 attorneys. CJAE Fellows also have reported an increase in their juvenile court caseload, working 10 more hours a week on juvenile case than prior to the CJAE experience.



Applications for the 2024 program should be submitted between January 16, 2024 and February 15, 2024. For more information, visit law.unl.edu/CJAE.