

State Projects: Idaho  
Judge Training

**IDAHO JUDGE TRAINING**

The Idaho Supreme Court has been awarded STOP grant funds to train magistrate and district judges throughout the state of Idaho for over 15 years. STOP funds are combined with state funds to hold a statewide judicial conference designed to focus on the role and duties of a judge in effectively handling domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking cases. The Idaho Supreme Court has used STOP grants to fund numerous judicial and multi-disciplinary trainings on topics such as: crafting clear and enforceable orders for protection with technical assistance and input from law enforcement; educating judges on law enforcement practice and policy regarding arrest, resources and victim follow-up; characteristics of offenders and domestic violence issues; federal firearms laws and statutes; conducting panels with prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement to identify barriers and gaps to efficient and effective prosecution and handling of domestic violence cases; emerging research on effective batterer's treatment; statewide training on best practices and model Domestic Violence Courts; the neuroscience and psychology of decision making- dismantling and overriding of implicit bias; the criminal personality- errors in thinking, considerations in interviewing, accountability, and indicators of change; the use of technology to stalk; risk assessment; and improving the civil and criminal justice systems response to domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking. The STOP grant provides the Supreme Court additional funding and opportunity for all Idaho judges to meet face to face in a training format to improve the handling of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking cases statewide.