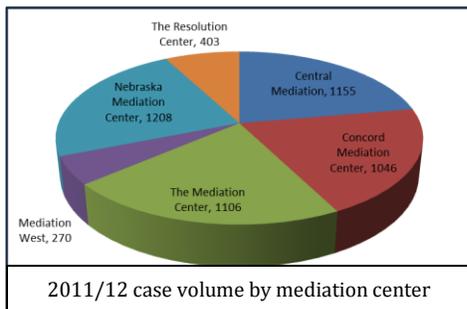




**Nebraska Office of Dispute Resolution
Administrative Office
of the Courts
2011/2012 Annual Caseload Report**



Annual Caseload Statistics for ODR-Approved Mediation Centers. Nebraska's mediation centers had a case volume of 5,188 mediation cases in 2011/2012, representing the fourth year of significant increases: up by 64% over the prior year's case volume of 3,161. Mediation referrals from the courts amounted to 59% of all new cases referred to the mediation centers. Increase in case volume and court referral continues to be attributable to two initiatives: the district courts' referral of parents to mediate parenting plans pursuant to the Parenting Act, and the juvenile courts' use of facilitative pre-hearing conferences at the initial removal, twelve-month permanency and prior to termination of parental rights trials.



The six regional non-profit mediation centers' volume is shown in the chart (left). Available participant evaluation data reflects that over 97% of the parties were satisfied by the mediation process. Of the 1,875 cases mediated, 81% were resolved successfully. As a representative sample,

Central Mediation Center reported that an average of 11% of cases as paid for by clients either fully or partially; 25% of the cases funded by contracts and grants; 28% of the cases were funded fully or partially by the Parenting Act Fund; and 36% of the cases were no-fee unfunded cases. The **Cumulative Mediation Case Data Report** (below) provides a more detailed description of mediation services for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 according to mediation center, case type, referral source. In addition to providing direct mediation services to citizens, these non-profit mediation centers offer numerous public and community seminars, educational workshops, and presentations to address violence prevention, conflict resolution, collaborative practices, mediation and other facilitative processes.

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CUMULATIVE MEDIATION CASE DATA¹ REPORT
Report Period: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2012

Report Date: 07/25/2012

	Totals	Central Mediation Center	Concord Center	The Mediation Center	Mediation West	Nebraska Mediation Center	The Resolution Center
Total Case Volume	5188	1155	1046	1106	270	1208	403
Total New Cases	2941	579	702	694	135	566	265

CASE VOLUME BY CASE TYPE

PARENTING PLAN	3674	891	536	767	198	994	288
FAMILY-NON PP	162	11	17	73	12	35	14
GENERAL/COMM'Y	415	77	116	112	23	79	8
CHILD WELFARE	820	134	337	133	30	99	87
JUVENILE/ADULT CRIMINAL	61	17	21	11	7	0	5
Unknown	56	25	19	10	0	1	1

NEW CASES BY REFERRAL SOURCE

Attorney	547	19%	179	31%	52	7%	135	19%	62	46%	91	16%	28	11%
Court	1734	59%	316	55%	508	72%	267	39%	39	29%	408	72%	196	74%
Gov.Agency/Org	185	7%	49	8%	61	9%	40	6%	10	8%	17	3%	8	3%
School	6	0%	0	0%	1	0%	2	0%	2	1%	1	0%	0	0%
Self/Family/Friend	394	13%	34	6%	67	10%	193	28%	19	14%	49	9%	32	12%
Unknown	75	2%	1	0%	13	2%	57	8%	3	2%	0	0%	1	0%

CASE DISPOSITION

Cases Mediated	1876	418	522	367	76	296	197							
Resolution	1517	81%	318	76%	448	86%	297	81%	52	68%	241	81%	161	82%

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¹ This is a compilation from two data sources: MadTrak and Case Manager. The Mediation Centers and ODR transitioned from MadTrak to Case Manager during the 2011-2012 program year. There may be some data errors because of this transition.