



Nebraska Office of Dispute Resolution Administrative Office of the Courts 2013/2014 Annual Caseload Report

Annual Caseload Statistics for ODR-Approved Mediation Centers. Nebraska's mediation centers had a case volume of 4,258 mediation cases in 2013/2014. Mediation referrals from the courts amounted to 64% of all new cases referred to the mediation centers. Parenting Plan cases continued to be the highest and most significant types of cases handled during the year, amounting to 2,480 or 58% of the total case volume for the period. Child welfare cases referred by Nebraska juvenile and county courts represented the second highest case volume of 877 or 21% of the total case volume. Desiring an increase in permanency and expediting the court process, county and juvenile court judges actively refer child welfare cases to the mediation centers who provide the courts with facilitative pre-hearing conferences at the initial removal, twelve-month permanency and termination of parental rights stages of the court process.

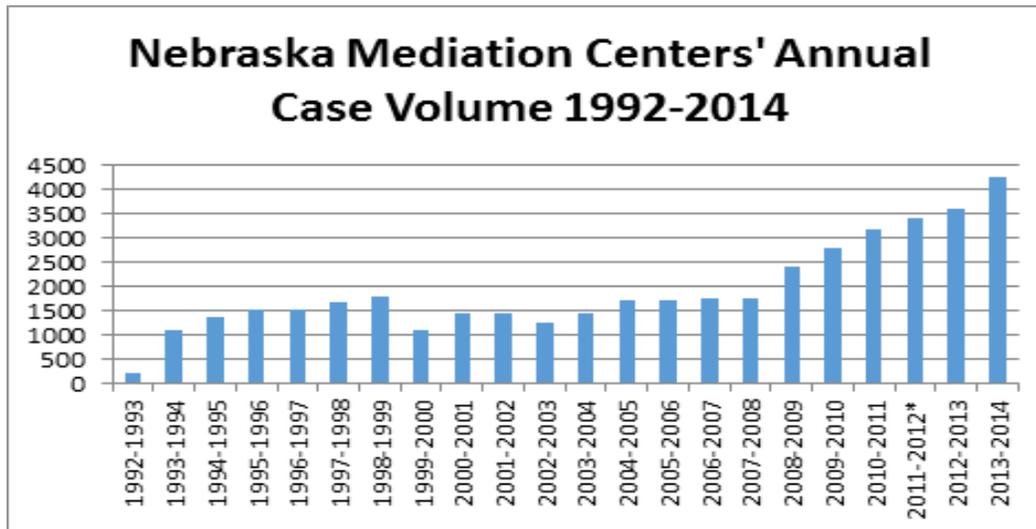


Figure 1: Nebraska ODR-approved Mediation Center Case Volume, 1992-2014.

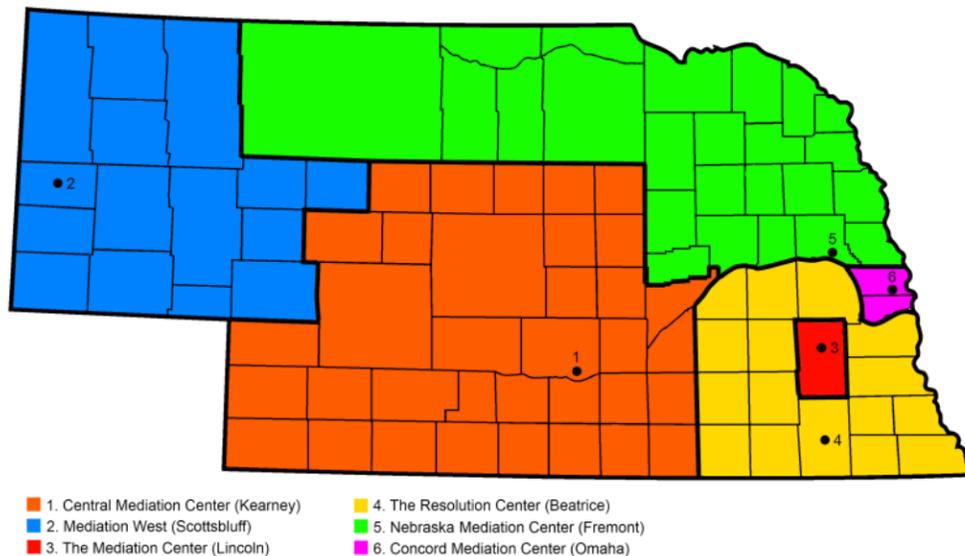
*estimated due to data system conversion

The six regional non-profit mediation centers' volume from 1992 through 2014 is shown above in Figure 1. Case volume represents the total number of cases that were open and worked on

during the fiscal year. The dip in FY99-00 was a result of the closing down of a small claims mediation program for Douglas County based upon insufficient funds. Since that time, there has been a gradual, consistent increase in mediation cases from year-to-year, with a particular up-tick in 2008-09, much as a result of the passage of the revised Parenting Act.

The *Cumulative Mediation Case Data Report (following)* provides a detailed description of mediation services for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 according to mediation center, case type, referral source. The six ODR-approved mediation centers and their regions are shown in the map below.

Mediation Centers and Regions



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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Nebraska Office of Dispute Resolution

2013-2014 Cumulative Mediation Case Data Report

Report Period: 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014

Report Date: 8/6/2014

	Totals Statewide	Central Mediation Center <i>Kearney</i>	Concord Mediation Center <i>Omaha</i>	The Mediation Center <i>Lincoln</i>	Mediation West <i>Scottsbluff</i>	Nebraska Mediation Center <i>Fremont</i>	The Resolution Center <i>Beatrice</i>
Total Case Volume	4258	678	1345	1026	222	717	270
Total New Cases	3672	596	1206	843	200	588	239

CASE VOLUME BY CASE TYPE

PARENTING PLAN	1838	339	202	541	143	418	195
PARENTING PLAN- SPECIALIZED ADR	642	68	144	143	26	72	9
FAMILY-NON PP	101	5	14	46	6	19	11
GENERAL/COMMUNITY	905	115	585	129	9	62	5
CHILD WELFARE	877	129	380	165	35	120	48
JUVENILE	55	8	16	1	3	26	1
ADULT CRIMINAL	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Unknown	18	13	4	0	0	0	1

NEW CASES BY REFERRAL SOURCE

Attorney	683	19%	187	31%	61	5%	223	26%	93	47%	95	16%	24	10%
Court	2351	64%	306	51%	1051	87%	339	40%	46	23%	434	74%	175	73%
Gov. Agency/Org	180	5%	42	7%	41	3%	58	7%	22	11%	12	2%	5	2%
School	4	0%	1	0%	0	0%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Self/Family/Friend	423	12%	57	10%	50	4%	213	25%	30	15%	46	8%	27	11%
Unknown	31	1%	3	1%	3	0%	7	1%	9	5%	1	0%	8	3%

CASE DISPOSITION

Cases Mediated	2133	412	618	494	97	378	134							
Resolution	1686	79%	290	70%	509	82%	394	80%	65	67%	319	84%	109	81%