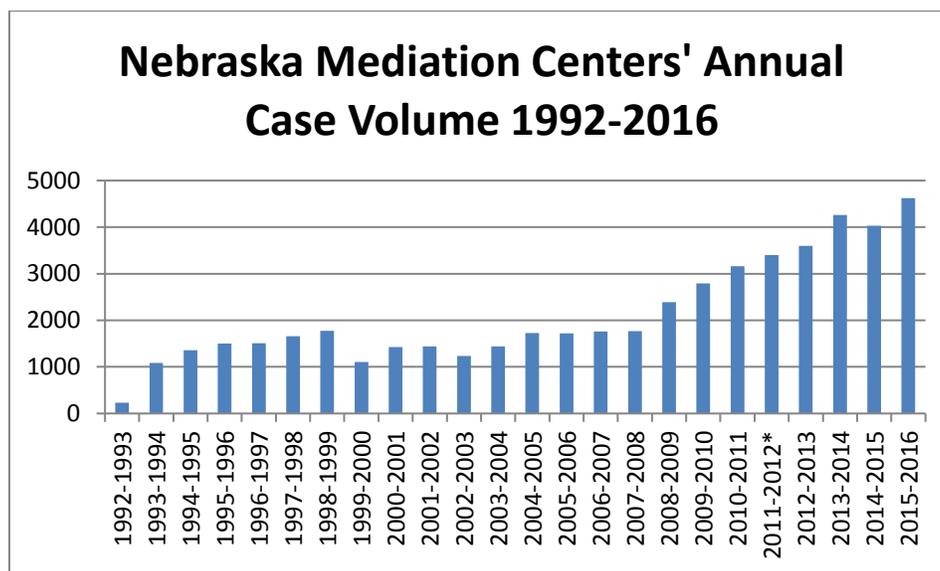




## Nebraska Office of Dispute Resolution Administrative Office of the Courts 2015/2016 Annual Caseload Report

**Annual Caseload Statistics for ODR-Approved Mediation Centers.** Nebraska's mediation centers had a case volume of 4,624 mediation cases in 2015/2016. Mediation referrals from the courts amounted to 57% 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 2,486 or 54% of the total case volume for the period. Child welfare/Juvenile justice cases referred by Nebraska juvenile can county courts, probation, and diversion represented the second highest case volume of 986 or 21% of the total case volume.



**Figure 1: Nebraska ODR-approved Mediation Center Case Volume, 1992-2016.**

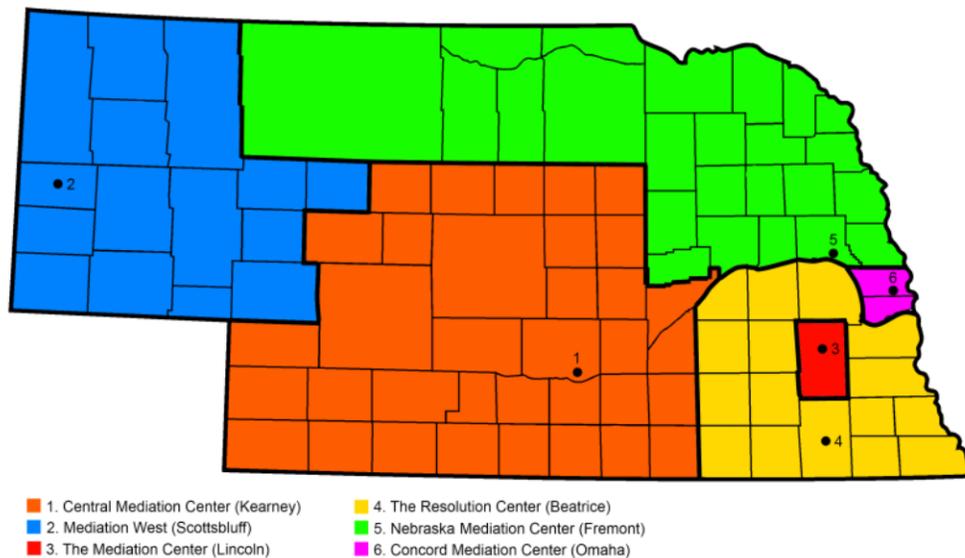
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The six regional non-profit mediation centers' volume from 1992 through 2016 is shown above in Figure 1. Case volume represents the total number of cases that were open and worked on during the fiscal year. The dip in FY99-00 was a result of the closing 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; however, a slight decrease is noted for 2014-2015, likely due to a shift in child welfare conferencing referrals from HHS to the courts, as well as an increase in private parenting mediations. In 2015-2016, the number

of mediation cases has not only increased from the 2014-2015 case decline, but also exceeded the volume of all previous years.

The *Cumulative Mediation Case Data Report* (below) provides a more detailed description of mediation services for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 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

## 2015-2016 Cumulative Mediation Case Data Report

Report Period: 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016

Report Date: 8/4/16

	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	4624	983	1338	1043	332	726	202
Total New Cases	4139	877	1268	923	287	624	160

### CASE VOLUME BY CASE TYPE

PARENTING PLAN	2062	563	193	531	169	452	154
PARENTING PLAN-SPECIALIZED ADR	424	71	158	107	19	65	4
FAMILY-NON PP	157	21	49	54	22	6	5
GENERAL/COMMUNITY	960	139	590	161	12	55	3
CHILD WELFARE/JUVENILE JUSTICE	986	159	344	190	110	148	35
ADULT CRIMINAL	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unknown	34	30	4	0	0	0	0

### NEW CASES BY REFERRAL SOURCE

Attorney	947	23%	376	43%	65	5%	317	34%	86	30%	76	12%	27	17%
Court	2374	57%	385	44%	990	78%	305	33%	125	44%	468	75%	101	63%
Gov. Agency/Org	552	5%	28	3%	117	9%	42	5%	29	10%	4	1%	5	3%
School	10	0%	2	0%	1	0%	3	0%	2	1%	2	0%	0	0%
Self/Family/Friend	569	10%	81	9%	93	7%	256	28%	38	13%	74	12%	27	17%
Unknown	14	0%	5	1%	2	0%	0	0%	7	2%	0	0%	0	0%

### CASE DISPOSITION

Cases Mediated	2271	549	575	541	157	349	100							
Resolution	1807	80%	409	74%	490	85%	410	76%	124	79%	302	87%	72	72%