



Nebraska Office of Dispute Resolution Administrative Office of the Courts 2016/2017 Annual Caseload Report

Annual Caseload Statistics for ODR-Approved Mediation Centers. Nebraska's mediation centers had a case volume of 4,440 mediation cases in 2016/2017. Mediation referrals from the courts amounted to 54% 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 2,664 or 60% of the total case volume for the period. Child welfare/Juvenile justice cases referred by Nebraska juvenile county courts, probation, and diversion represented the second highest case volume of 903 or 20% of the total case volume.

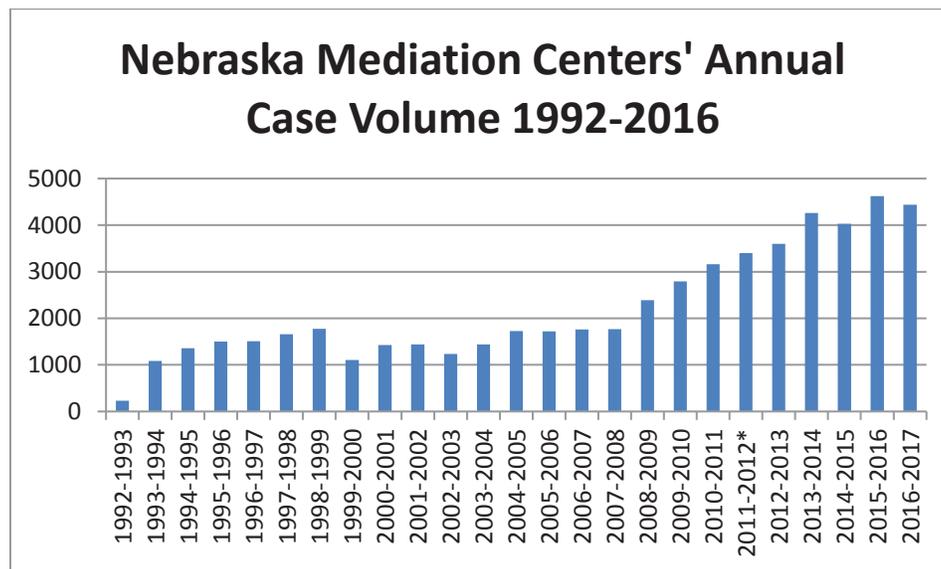


Figure 1: Nebraska ODR-approved Mediation Center Case Volume, 1992-2017.

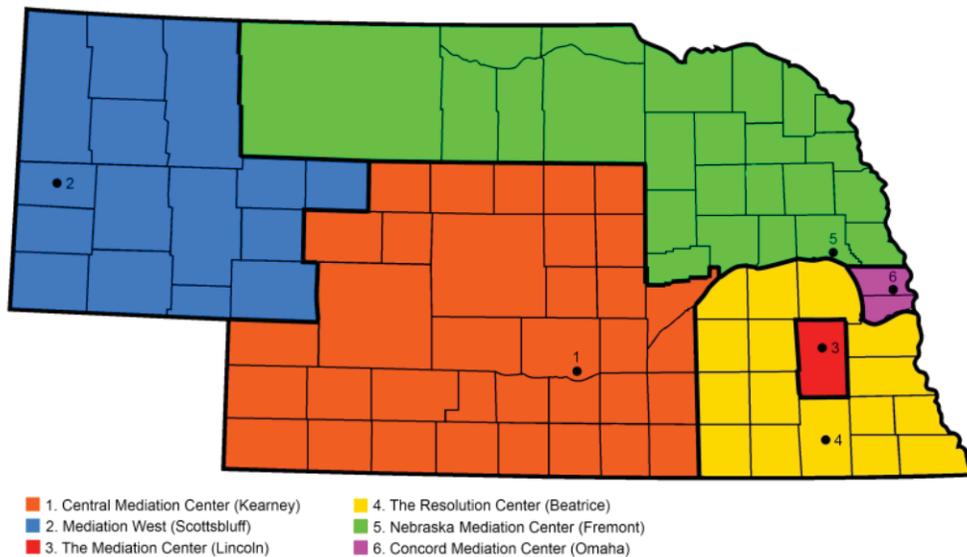
*estimated due to data system replacement

The six regional non-profit mediation centers' volume from 1992 through 2017 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 FY14-15, 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 FY15-16, the number of

mediation cases not only increased from the FY14-15 case decline, but also exceeded the volume of all previous years. This fiscal year, 16-17, the dip can be attributed to a 25% (722/960) decrease in General/Community cases from the 15-16 fiscal year as a result of fewer referrals from the courts.

The *Cumulative Mediation Case Data Report* (page 3) provides a more detailed description of mediation services for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 according to mediation center, case type, and 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

2016-2017 Cumulative Mediation Case Data Report

Report Period: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017

Report Date: 8/4/17

	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	4440	1028	1013	1018	345	743	293
Total New Cases	4069	949	927	990	310	625	268

CASE VOLUME BY CASE TYPE

PARENTING PLAN	2258	651	152	536	219	486	214
PARENTING PLAN-SPECIALIZED ADR	406	45	173	104	7	60	17
FAMILY-NON PP	135	18	38	39	21	11	8
GENERAL/COMMUNITY	722	117	374	149	4	70	8
CHILD WELFARE/JUVENILE JUSTICE	903	192	272	189	89	116	45
ADULT CRIMINAL	4	0	0	0	4	0	0
Unknown	12	5	4	1	1	0	1

NEW CASES BY REFERRAL SOURCE

Attorney	976	24%	413	44%	44	5%	296	30%	103	33%	77	12%	43	16%
Court	2201	54%	401	42%	719	78%	355	36%	116	37%	462	74%	148	55%
Gov. Agency/Org	252	6%	54	6%	62	7%	102	10%	21	7%	4	1%	9	3%
School	10	0%	1	0%	4	0%	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Self/Family/Friend	608	15%	78	8%	98	11%	232	11%	59	19%	80	13%	61	23%
Unknown	22	1%	2	0%	0	0%	3	0%	10	3%	1	0%	6	2%

CASE DISPOSITION

Cases Mediated	2367		583		478		650		166		356		132	
Resolution	1860	79%	417	72%	393	82%	522	80%	124	74%	305	86%	99	75%