



Nebraska Office of Dispute Resolution Administrative Office of the Courts 2012/2013 Annual Caseload Report

Annual Caseload Statistics for ODR-Approved Mediation Centers. Nebraska's

mediation centers had a case volume of 3,601 mediation cases in 2012/2013. Mediation referrals from the courts amounted to 59% 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 2,321 or 64% 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 766 or 22% 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.

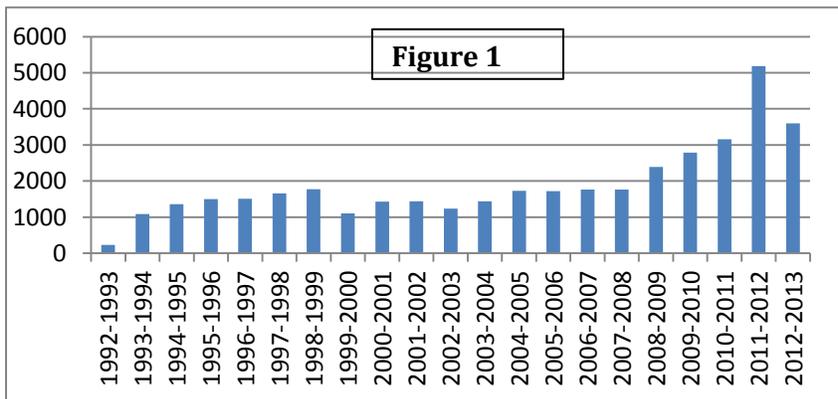


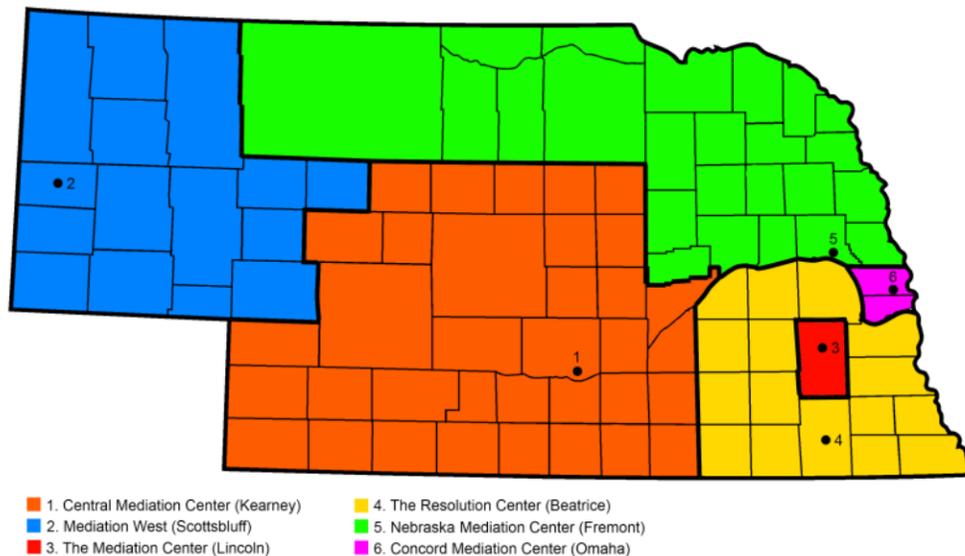
Figure 1: Nebraska Mediation Center Case Volume, 1992-2013. See note below about FY11-12 case data.

The six regional non-profit mediation centers' volume from 1992 through 2013 is shown above. 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. FY11-12 case data showing 5,188 cases is not reliable, however. During that year, the mediation centers transitioned from a former to a new mediation case data management system. The likely case volume was approximately 3,300 cases.

The ***Cumulative Mediation Case Data Report*** (below) provides a more detailed description of mediation services for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 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
2012-2013 Cumulative Mediation Case Data Report
 Report Period: 7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013
 Report Date: 8/7/2013

	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	3601	617	924	966	161	683	250
Total New Cases	3054	520	832	851	130	502	219

CASE VOLUME BY CASE TYPE

PARENTING PLAN	2321	401	436	688	107	520	169
FAMILY-NON PP	82	5	15	36	4	14	8
GENERAL/COMMUNITY	384	86	118	98	16	61	5
CHILD WELFARE	766	111	336	137	28	87	67
JUVENILE	38	13	12	5	6	1	1
ADULT CRIMINAL	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Unknown	9	1	7	1	0	0	0

NEW CASES BY REFERRAL SOURCE

Attorney	653	21%	185	36%	46	6%	263	31%	30	23%	105	21%	24	11%
Court	1806	59%	269	52%	673	81%	295	35%	58	45%	348	69%	163	74%
Gov. Agency/Org	160	5%	31	6%	40	5%	60	7%	14	11%	10	2%	5	2%
School	8	0%	2	0%	0	0%	3	0%	2	2%	1	0%	0	0%
Self/Family/Friend	395	13%	32	6%	71	9%	204	24%	26	20%	37	7%	25	11%
Unknown	32	1%	1	0%	2	0%	26	3%	0	0%	1	0%	2	1%

CASE DISPOSITION

Cases Mediated	1948	395		598		393		78		325		159		
Resolution	1536	79%	286	72%	494	83%	321	82%	54	69%	245	75%	136	86%