

Community Dispute Resolution Program Parenting Time Mediation Program FY2008-09

COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM (CDRP) CENTERS

Cases Accepted 552
Cases Disposed 559

Case Outcomes

Conciliated 0
Mediated w/ Agreement 263
Mediated w/ Partial Agreement 12
Mediated w/o Agreement 100
Facilitated 0
Settled Prior to Mediation 20
All Other 164

Source of Case Referrals

Court 527
Self 23
Other 9

When Mediation is Attempted:

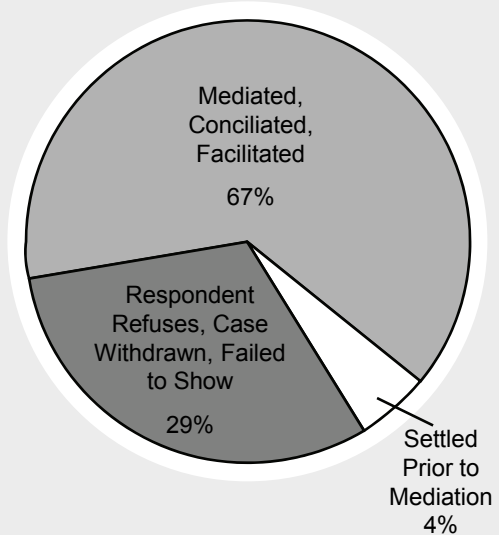
73% are mediated with agreement
27% are mediated without agreement

Clients

Number of Children 868
Number of Parents 1118
Service Costs \$27,300
Number of Centers 13

Average number of days to disposition 26.8
Average mediation duration in minutes 113

Closed Case Outcomes



Community Dispute Resolution Program Parenting Time Mediation Program Comparison

	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09
Mediated to Agreement*	183	308	346	275
Mediated Without Agreement	70	104	116	100
Number of Cases Accepted	410	628	653	552
Number of Cases Disposed	378	647	695	559
Number of Prejudgment Cases	103	92	117	102
Average Case Duration (min.)	121	117	117	113

*includes Partial Agreement, Conciliation, Facilitation

Federal Access and Visitation funds supported the work of volunteer mediators at thirteen CDRP centers to help parties solve problems related to parenting time and visitation disputes. The volunteers have completed a 40-hour basic training program and internship, followed by a two day training focused on FOC processes, family dynamics, and domestic violence screening. The primary goal of this service is to resolve conflicts that create obstacles to the noncustodial parent having access to his or her child(ren).

Friend of the Court

Supervised Parenting Time and Neutral Drop Off Services

FY2008–09

CIRCUIT COURT (FOC) AND LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Case Outcomes (number of events)

Supervised Parenting Time	3,794
Neutral Drop Off and Exchange	2,514

Clients

Number of Children	1,260
Number of Parents	959

Service Costs	\$198,905
Number of Courts	24

Federal Access and Visitation funds were contracted to Friend of the Court (FOC) offices to support services to ensure that children in high conflict cases have an opportunity to spend time with their noncustodial parent.

Supervised parenting time involves a neutral third party who is present and observes or manages the interaction between the child and the noncustodial parent during parenting time sessions.

The neutral drop off and exchange program involves the services of a neutral party who is simply present during the transfer of children at a neutral and safe location.

FOC offices typically subcontract with local professional organizations to provide these services. Many families require multiple services, and more than one instance of each service. During the period funded, this resulted in, on average, 6.6 service activities per parent.

Contractual payments to FOC offices range from \$120 to \$54,334. The funding process is annually reviewed in consultation with the Friend of the Court Association and the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), Friend of the Court Bureau.

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