Annual Caseload Statistics for ODR-Approved Mediation Centers. Nebraska’s mediation centers had a case volume of 5,188 mediation cases in 2011/2012, representing the fourth year of significant increases: up by 64% over the prior year’s case volume of 3,161. Mediation referrals from the courts amounted to 59% of all new cases referred to the mediation centers. Increase in case volume and court referral continues to be attributable to two initiatives: the district courts’ referral of parents to mediate parenting plans pursuant to the Parenting Act, and the juvenile courts’ use of facilitative pre-hearing conferences at the initial removal, twelve-month permanency and prior to termination of parental rights trials.

The six regional non-profit mediation centers’ volume is shown in the chart (left). Available participant evaluation data reflects that over 97% of the parties were satisfied by the mediation process. Of the 1,875 cases mediated, 81% were resolved successfully. As a representative sample, Central Mediation Center reported that an average of 11% of cases as paid for by clients either fully or partially; 25% of the cases funded by contracts and grants; 28% of the cases were funded fully or partially by the Parenting Act Fund; and 36% of the cases were no-fee unfunded cases. The Cumulative Mediation Case Data Report (below) provides a more detailed description of mediation services for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 according to mediation center, case type, referral source. 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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CUMULATIVE MEDIATION CASE DATA\(^1\) REPORT
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\(^1\) This is a compilation from two data sources: MadTrak and Case Manager. The Mediation Centers and ODR transitioned from MadTrak to Case Manager during the 2011-2012 program year. There may be some data errors because of this transition.