

# RESTORATIVE CHILD WELFARE



STATE OF  
**NEBRASKA**  
JUDICIAL BRANCH  
Office of Dispute  
Resolution

Tailored  
services  
available  
throughout  
the Court  
process



## Family Group Conference (FGC)



Three-phase, research-based process designed to develop a family-centered plan.

**Goal:** Address issues of child's safety, permanency, and well-being.

## Pre-hearing Conference (PHC)



Facilitated meeting with a defined agenda held prior to appearing in court.

**Goal:** Clarify placement, parenting time, ICWA determination, and services.

## Pre-hearing Permanency Review (PHPR)



Facilitated meeting focused on critical questions to be answered at the upcoming permanency hearing.

**Goal:** Develop a permanency plan to propose to the court.

## Pre-hearing Termination of Parental Rights (PHTPR)



A facilitated meeting focusing on critical questions, outlined in protocol, to be answered at the upcoming termination hearing.

**Goal:** Determine if case is ready for trial and explore non-trial alternatives.

## Child Welfare Mediation (CWM)



A one-on-one mediation between parent(s) and provider, parent(s) and foster parent(s), or family members.

**Goal:** To solve problems that are hindering the child's and family's progress.

## Child Welfare Facilitation (CWF)



A multi-party facilitation to unravel and set a better course direction for the child, parents, and caregivers.

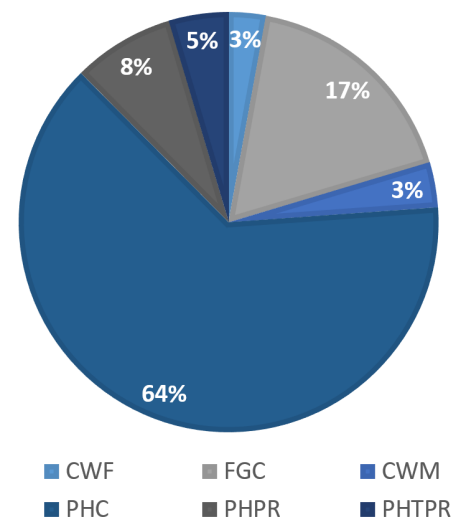
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UNSURE OF THE  
APPROPRIATE  
SERVICE?

Contact your local  
mediation center  
for an assessment

JULY  
2017  
TO  
JUNE  
2020

TOTAL  
CASES  
= 2,036



# RESTORATIVE JUVENILE JUSTICE

**Interested? Contact Your Local Mediation Center or the Office of Dispute Resolution**

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## Expedited Family Group Conference (EFGC)



Three-phase, research-based process designed to develop a family-centered plan.

**Goal:** Address immediate placement issues for a juvenile.

## Victim Youth Conference (VYC)



Evidence-based dialogue between an offender and victim or victim surrogate, with victim safety a priority.

**Goal:** Collaboratively address harms and develop a reparation agreement.

## Youth Truancy Mediation/Conference



Facilitated process between a youth who is at risk for court involvement involving the parents/guardians and school staff.

**Goal:** Develop a plan to eliminate factors that led to truancy.

## Juvenile Justice Mediation



One-on-one mediation often between a youth and parent, parent and provider, or family members.

**Goal:** Resolve barriers to a youth's progress and address status offenses.

## Juvenile Justice Facilitation



Multi-party facilitation to unravel and set a better course direction for the youth.

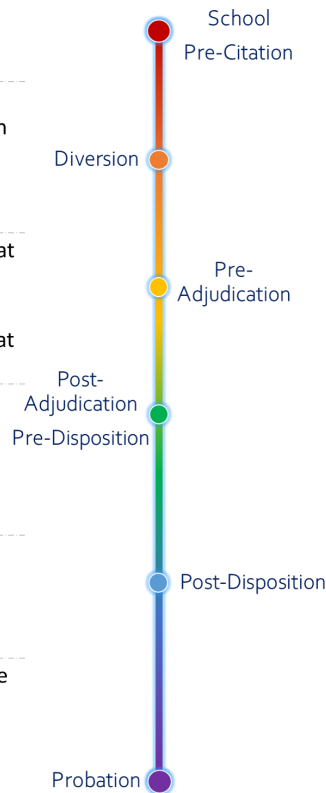
**Goal:** Solve problems that are hindering the youth's progress.

## Circles



Storytelling process in which participants are equals and have honest exchanges about difficult issues and painful experiences.

**Goal:** Benefit from the collective wisdom to generate new understandings and possibilities for solutions.

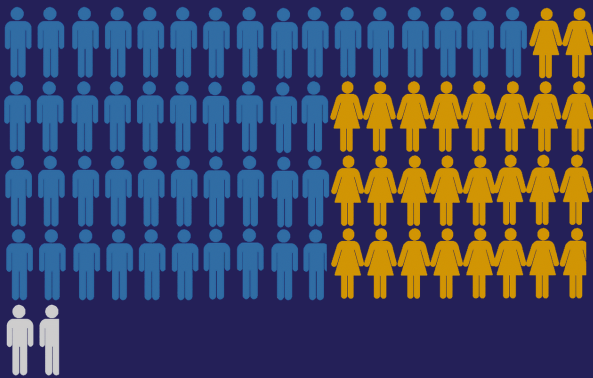


A 14-year-old youth had run away and was arrested for shoplifting at a big box store. Mediation West facilitated a Victim Youth Conference between the youth and the store's Loss Prevention Manager. The youth expressed that the process taught him to "think things through more deeply" before he acts in the future.

Scottsbluff County  
Juvenile Assessment Center

*"If [Maria] comes by us, I will be the bigger person and walk away. I don't want to get into trouble anymore because [of] this fight. I learned my lesson being in court and being around people—it scares me. After high school I want to go to college and study to deliver babies."*

Youth Participant  
Referred by County Attorney



734 Youth participated in the Victim Youth Conference Program between July 2017 - June 2020

= 10 Boys  
 = 10 Girls  
 = 10 Gender Unknown

91%

Participants rated the VYC conference as either **Satisfying** or **Extremely Satisfying**



90%

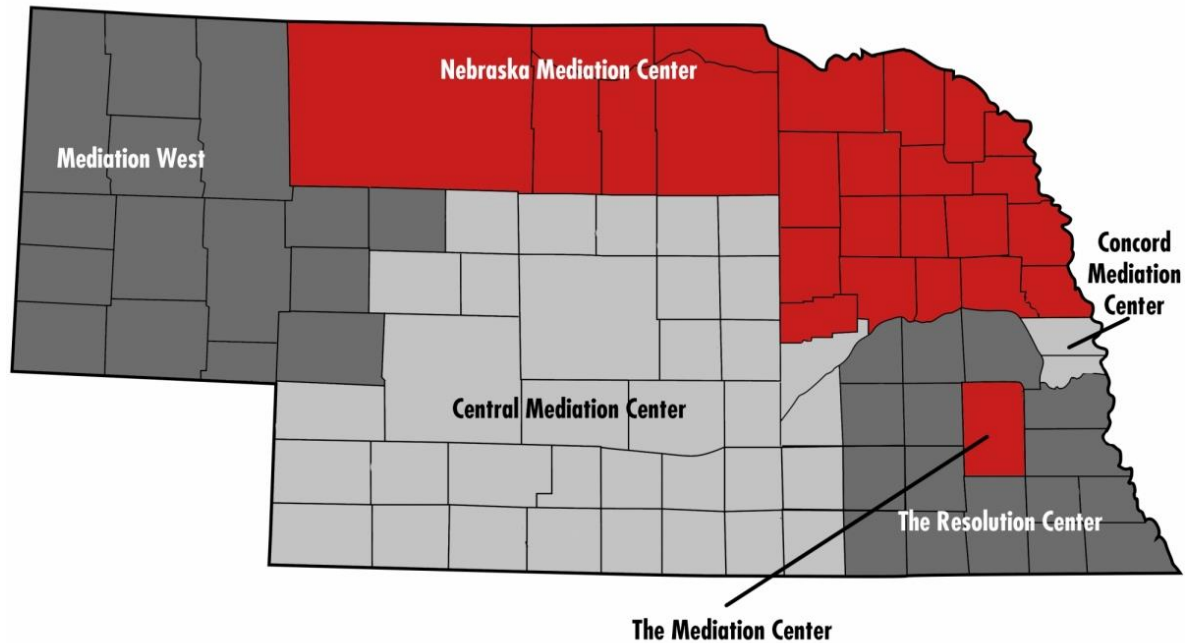
Participants rated the Reparation Agreement as either **Satisfying** or **Extremely Satisfying**

A youth damaged property at the Fremont Public Schools during a fit of rage. He and his father participated in a Victim Youth Conference with the youth's teacher and worked out a reparation plan that included restitution for the damage. The youth secured a job and paid in-full within one week of completing the program.

Dodge County  
Juvenile Probation



## ODR-Approved Mediation Centers



### Central Mediation Center

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