

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITY FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Centers of Texas were reauthorized and expanded in scope in 1987 by the 70th Legislature “to encourage the peaceable resolution of disputes, with special consideration given to disputes involving the parent-child relationship, ... and the early settlement of pending litigation through voluntary settlement procedures.” (Acts 1987, 70th Legislature, Chapter 1121, Section 1.) Alternative Dispute Resolution Centers provide an opportunity to resolve conflicts creatively and effectively outside the courtroom using a variety of mechanisms including mediation, arbitration, negotiation, and moderated settlement conferences.

Twelve of 14 centers submitted reports for the period of September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2002. (Note: This summary does not include data from judges, court clerks, private groups, and other organizations that actively employ alternative dispute resolution procedures, but do not formally report associated statistics.)

MEDIATION SECTION						
<u>Centers & Type of Case</u>	<u>Cases Pending 9/1/2001</u>	<u>Cases Received</u>	<u>Cases Closed</u>			<u>Cases Pending 8/31/2002</u>
			<u>Prior to Hearing</u>	<u>Hearing Held</u>	<u>Unresolved but Closed</u>	
AMARILLO - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	29	364	198	147	12	36
Employer-Employee	0	7	5	2	0	0
Landlord-Tenant	0	32	28	2	1	1
Business Consumer- Merchant	2	31	24	4	4	1
Other	2	67	53	9	1	6
Total	33	501	308	164	18	44
AUSTIN – TRAVIS COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
No Reports Received						
BEAUMONT - MEDIATION CENTER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC.						
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	15	527	280	139	113	10
Employer-Employee	0	113	84	7	22	0
Landlord-Tenant	2	139	100	17	23	1
Business Consumer- Merchant	11	481	280	104	100	8
Other	4	530	231	238	57	8
Total	32	1,790	975	505	315	27
BRYAN / COLLEGE STATION - BRAZOS COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	5	49	5	36	10	3
Employer-Employee	3	0	0	2	1	0
Landlord-Tenant	1	1	0	1	0	1
Business Consumer- Merchant	2	13	0	9	6	0
Other	2	4	1	3	2	0
Total	13	67	6	51	19	4
CONROE – MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
No Reports Received						

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CORPUS CHRISTI - NUECES COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	201	487	22	108	312	246
Employer-Employee	5	23	1	10	13	4
Landlord-Tenant	11	53	1	15	19	29
Business Consumer- Merchant	98	497	76	57	244	218
Other	67	160	13	120	94	0
Total	382	1,220	113	310	682	497

DALLAS - DISPUTE MEDIATION SERVICE, INC.

NOT REPORTED BY CASE CATEGORY

Total	851	2,373	997	843	543	841
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EL PASO - EL PASO COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	12	369	254	91	19	17
Employer-Employee	0	6	2	1	2	1
Landlord-Tenant	4	78	58	12	8	4
Business Consumer- Merchant	11	373	264	60	30	30
Other	17	293	222	56	28	4
Total	44	1,119	800	220	87	56

FORT WORTH - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives		417	26	299	134	-42
Employer-Employee		0	0	0	0	0
Landlord-Tenant		0	0	0	0	0
Business Consumer- Merchant		244	34	111	188	-89
Other		283	39	159	192	-107
Total		944	99	569	514	-238

HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	51	829	65	566	167	82
Employer-Employee	7	75	8	32	31	11
Landlord-Tenant	6	171	18	82	52	25
Business Consumer- Merchant	35	586	41	421	101	58
Other	213	1,374	70	801	134	582
Total	312	3,035	202	1,902	485	758

LUBBOCK - SOUTH PLAINS DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	523	1,634	490	484	517	666
Employer-Employee	24	27	16	11	14	10
Landlord-Tenant	19	191	11	17	151	31
Business Consumer- Merchant	243	647	169	157	320	244
Other	48	163	28	103	48	32
Total	857	2,662	714	772	1,050	983

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RICHMOND – FORT BEND COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	17	441	30	395	16	17
Employer-Employee						
Landlord-Tenant						
Business Consumer - Merchant	2	27	1	21	5	2
Other	14	171	22	129	20	14
Total	33	639	53	545	41	33
SAN ANTONIO - BEXAR COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
NOT REPORTED BY CASE CATEGORY						
Total	580	6,276	5,200	536	448	672
WACO - McLENNAN COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
NOT REPORTED BY CASE CATEGORY						
Total	5	156	3	124	25	9
MEDIATION SECTION TOTALS	1,722	14,215	4,215	5,336	3,714	2,672

COURT ANNEXED ARBITRATION SECTION

<i>Centers</i>	<i>Cases Pending 9/1/2001</i>	<i>Cases Received</i>	<i>Cases Closed</i>			<i>Cases Pending 8/31/2002</i>
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HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Injury/Damage Involving Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury/Damage Other than Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workers' Compensation, Tax, Condemnation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceptive Trade Practices Act	0	1	0	1	0	0
Divorce	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accounts, Contracts, Notes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Civil Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0	1	0	0