

## SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITY FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Centers of Texas were reauthorized and expanded in scope in 1987 by the 70<sup>th</sup> 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, 70<sup>th</sup> 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 the 14 centers submitted reports for the period of September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004. (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.)

<b>MEDIATION SECTION</b>							
<i>Centers &amp; Type of Case</i>	<i>Cases</i>			<i>Cases Closed</i>			<i>Cases Pending 8/31/2004</i>
	<i>Pending 9/1/2003</i>	<i>Docket Adjustments</i>	<i>Cases Received</i>	<i>Prior to Hearing</i>	<i>Hearing Held</i>	<i>Unresolved but Closed</i>	
<b>AMARILLO - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	19	0	469	228	227	15	18
Employer-Employee	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
Landlord-Tenant	1	0	18	17	1	0	1
Business Consumer- Merchant	1	0	40	18	18	4	1
Other	3	0	42	36	7	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>AUSTIN – TRAVIS COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
<b>NO REPORTS RECEIVED</b>							
<b>BEAUMONT - MEDIATION CENTER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC.</b>							
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	76	-44	282	107	119	70	18
Employer-Employee	8	-1	19	14	1	11	0
Landlord-Tenant	2	-3	55	40	3	10	1
Business Consumer- Merchant	49	-11	320	165	77	109	7
Other	26	-5	381	172	165	55	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>-64</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>BRYAN / COLLEGE STATION - BRAZOS COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	9	3	185	17	139	21	20
Employer-Employee	0	0	5	1	2	0	2
Landlord-Tenant	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Business Consumer- Merchant	1	11	11	7	7	2	7
Other	4	-12	18	4	5	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>CONROE - MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
<b>NOT REPORTED BY CASE CATEGORY</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>

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### MEDIATION SECTION

<i>Centers &amp; Type of Case</i>	<i>Cases</i>			<i>Cases Closed</i>			<i>Cases Pending 8/31/2004</i>
	<i>Pending 9/1/2003</i>	<i>Docket Adjustments</i>	<i>Cases Received</i>	<i>Prior to Hearing</i>	<i>Hearing Held</i>	<i>Unresolved but Closed</i>	
<b>CORPUS CHRISTI - NUECES COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	275	1	118	3	54	95	242
Employer-Employee	0	0	26	0	11	15	0
Landlord-Tenant	17	1	10	1	9	11	7
Business Consumer- Merchant	267	16	150	51	43	146	193
Other	0	8	14	2	8	10	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>444</b>
<b>DALLAS – DALLAS COUNTY MEDIATION SERVICES</b>							
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives							
Employer-Employee							
Landlord-Tenant							
Business Consumer- Merchant							
Other	489	0	2,421	823	1,008	599	480
<b>Total</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,421</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>EL PASO - EL PASO COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	16	1	143	49	63	27	21
Employer-Employee	0	0	11	5	2	3	1
Landlord-Tenant	2	0	46	17	14	12	5
Business Consumer- Merchant	23	0	186	57	55	41	56
Other	18	0	101	33	41	27	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>FORT WORTH - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	397	0	492	52	391	72	374
Employer-Employee	13	0	2	0	1	0	14
Landlord-Tenant	24	0	6	2	5	4	19
Business Consumer- Merchant	406	0	404	89	188	103	430
Other	331	0	497	68	274	154	332
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1,169</b>
<b>HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	33	-49	430	36	280	68	30
Employer-Employee	4	-16	100	14	22	40	12
Landlord-Tenant	7	-17	190	28	94	45	13
Business Consumer- Merchant	31	-70	566	49	324	89	65
Other	263	-288	1,769	124	1,074	248	298
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>-440</b>	<b>3,055</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>418</b>

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<i>Centers &amp; Type of Case</i>	<i>Cases Pending 9/1/2003</i>	<i>Docket Adjustments</i>	<i>Cases Received</i>	<i>Cases Closed</i>			<i>Cases Pending 8/31/2004</i>
				<i>Prior to Hearing</i>	<i>Hearing Held</i>	<i>Unresolved but Closed</i>	
<b>LUBBOCK - SOUTH PLAINS DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	485	0	1,804	763	523	444	559
Employer-Employee	7	0	13	8	3	6	3
Landlord-Tenant	50	0	149	19	4	168	8
Business Consumer- Merchant	133	0	922	354	146	340	215
Other	33	0	291	192	90	42	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,179</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>785</b>
<b>RICHMOND – FORT BEND COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
				NO REPORTS RECEIVED – ONLY RECEIPTS			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,186</b>						
<b>SAN ANTONIO - BEXAR COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
				NOT REPORTED BY CASE CATEGORY			
<b>Total</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>-80</b>	<b>6,159</b>	<b>4,835</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>782</b>
<b>WACO - McLENNAN COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>							
				NOT REPORTED BY CASE CATEGORY			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>MEDIATION SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>4,327</b>	<b>-618</b>	<b>19,845</b>	<b>8,636</b>	<b>6,889</b>	<b>3,763</b>	<b>4,266</b>

### COURT ANNEXED ARBITRATION SECTION

<i>Centers &amp; Type of Case</i>	<i>Cases Pending 9/1/2003</i>	<i>Cases Received</i>	<i>Cases Closed</i>			<i>Cases Pending 8/31/2004</i>
			<i>Prior to Hearing</i>	<i>Hearing Held</i>	<i>Unresolved but Closed</i>	
<b>HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>						
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	1	0	0	0	0
Deceptive Trade Practices Act	1	2	0	1	1	1
Divorce	0	0	0	0	1	0
Accounts, Contracts, Notes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Civil Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>LUBBOCK - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER</b>						
Injury/Damage Involving Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	0	0	0
Injury/Damage Other than Motor Vehicle	0	3	0	2	1	0
Workers' Compensation, Tax, Condemnation	0	0	0	0	1	0
Deceptive Trade Practices Act	0	0	0	0	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>