

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITY FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2000

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.

Eleven centers submitted reports for the period September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000. Of the activity reported, 17,985 cases were received during the reporting period, 16,337 were closed, and 3,000 cases were pending at the end of the reporting period.

This summary is based on reports from alternative dispute resolution centers. It does not include information from judges and court clerks, nor from numerous private groups and other organizations which actively employ alternative dispute resolution procedures which are not reported.

MEDIATION SECTION						
CENTERS	CATEGORIES OF DISPUTE					Total
	Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	Employer-Employee	Landlord-Tenant	Business Consumer-Merchant	Other	
AMARILLO - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	23	0	0	2	9	34
Cases Received During Year	284	10	56	73	85	508
Cases Closed During Year						
Resolved Prior to Hearing	124	7	54	29	63	277
Cases in Which Hearing Held	143	3	2	15	24	187
Cases Unresolved but Closed	8	0	0	30	4	42
Total Cases Closed During Year	275	10	56	74	91	506
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	32	0	0	1	3	36
BEAUMONT - MEDIATION CENTER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC.						
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	11	2	3	25	9	50
Cases Received During Year	392	45	135	484	529	1,585
Cases Closed During Year						
Resolved Prior to Hearing	283	32	107	335	244	1,001
Cases in Which Hearing Held	62	7	14	93	234	410
Cases Unresolved but Closed	48	7	17	75	60	207
Total Cases Closed During Year	393	46	138	503	538	1,618
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	10	1	0	6	0	17
BRYAN / COLLEGE STATION - BRAZOS COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	4	2	1	2	0	9
Cases Received During Year	50	5	2	8	9	74
Cases Closed During Year						
Resolved Prior to Hearing	5	0	0	0	0	5
Cases in Which Hearing Held	33	6	2	2	2	45
Cases Unresolved but Closed	9	0	0	4	4	17
Total Cases Closed During Year	47	6	2	6	6	67
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	7	1	1	4	3	16
CONROE - MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	14	1	1	12	4	32
Cases Received During Year	267	0	0	62	3	332
Cases Closed During Year						
Resolved Prior to Hearing	33	0	0	7	1	41
Cases in Which Hearing Held	214	0	0	43	2	259
Cases Unresolved but Closed	21	0	0	6	1	28
Total Cases Closed During Year	268	0	0	56	4	328
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	13	1	1	18	3	36

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CENTERS	CATEGORIES OF DISPUTE					Total
	Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	Employer- Employee	Landlord- Tenant	Business Consumer- Merchant	Other	
CORPUS CHRISTI - NUECES COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	76	2	11	1	77	167
Cases Received During Year	281	15	28	194	458	976
Cases Closed During Year						
Resolved Prior to Hearing	13	1	1	14	6	35
Cases in Which Hearing Held	90	1	9	51	312	463
Cases Unresolved but Closed	96	14	23	100	217	450
Total Cases Closed During Year	199	16	33	165	535	948
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	158	1	6	30	0	195
DALLAS - DISPUTE MEDIATION SERVICE, INC.						
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	--	--	--	--	--	714
Cases Received During Year	--	--	--	--	--	450
Cases Closed During Year						
Resolved Prior to Hearing	--	--	--	--	--	158
Cases in Which Hearing Held	--	--	--	--	--	141
Cases Unresolved but Closed	--	--	--	--	--	88
Total Cases Closed During Year	--	--	--	--	--	387
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	--	--	--	--	--	777
EL PASO - EL PASO COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	4	7	5	3	37	56
Cases Received During Year	329	18	98	417	283	1,145
Cases Closed During Year						
Resolved Prior to Hearing	208	7	79	279	147	720
Cases in Which Hearing Held	92	11	15	78	131	327
Cases Unresolved but Closed	30	4	8	43	24	109
Total Cases Closed During Year	330	22	102	400	302	1,156
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	3	3	1	20	18	45
FORT WORTH - DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES OF TARRANT COUNTY, INC.						
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	5	2	9	5	4	25
Cases Received During Year	363	0	0	247	450	1,060
Cases Closed During Year						
Resolved Prior to Hearing	25	0	0	16	37	78
Cases in Which Hearing Held	206	0	0	68	258	532
Cases Unresolved but Closed	17	0	0	21	68	106
Total Cases Closed During Year	248	0	0	105	363	716
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	120	2	9	147	91	369
HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases Received During Year	1,145	77	127	576	1,390	3,315
Cases Closed During Year						
Resolved Prior to Hearing	60	4	8	63	117	252
Cases in Which Hearing Held	898	20	51	347	673	1,989
Cases Unresolved but Closed	157	53	59	149	213	631
Total Cases Closed During Year	1,115	77	118	559	1,003	2,872
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	30	0	9	17	387	443
LUBBOCK - SOUTH PLAINS DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases Received During Year	1,521	45	266	944	83	2,859
Cases Closed During Year						
Resolved Prior to Hearing	431	10	21	203	8	673
Cases in Which Hearing Held	603	14	20	183	25	845
Cases Unresolved but Closed	236	19	221	305	45	826
Total Cases Closed During Year	1,270	43	262	691	78	2,344
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	251	2	4	253	5	515

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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTERS

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MEDIATION SECTION (CONT.)								
CENTERS	CATEGORIES OF DISPUTE					Total		
	Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	Employer-Employee	Landlord-Tenant	Business Consumer-Merchant	Other			
SAN ANTONIO - BEXAR COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER								
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	--	--	--	--	--	256		
Cases Received During Year	--	--	--	--	--	5,667		
Cases Closed During Year								
Resolved Prior to Hearing	--	--	--	--	--	4,394		
Cases in Which Hearing Held	--	--	--	--	--	521		
Cases Unresolved but Closed	--	--	--	--	--	467		
Total Cases Closed During Year	--	--	--	--	--	5,382		
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	--	--	--	--	--	541		
*MEDIATION SECTION TOTALS								
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	--	--	--	--	--	1,343		
Cases Received During Year	--	--	--	--	--	17,971		
Cases Closed During Year								
Resolved Prior to Hearing	--	--	--	--	--	7,634		
Cases in Which Hearing Held	--	--	--	--	--	5,719		
Cases Unresolved but Closed	--	--	--	--	--	2,971		
Total Cases Closed During Year	--	--	--	--	--	16,324		
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	--	--	--	--	--	2,990		
MODERATED SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE SECTION								
CENTERS	CATEGORIES OF DISPUTE							Total
	Injury or Damage Involving Motor Vehicle	Injury or Damage Other Than Motor Vehicle	Workers' Compensation	Tax Cases	Condemnation	Accounts, Contracts, Notes	Other Civil Cases	
EL PASO - EL PASO COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER								
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases Received During Year	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	8
Cases Closed During Year								
Resolved Prior to Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases in Which Hearing Held	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
Cases Unresolved but Closed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cases Closed During Year	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER								
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Cases Received During Year	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Cases Closed During Year								
Resolved Prior to Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases in Which Hearing Held	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Cases Unresolved but Closed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cases Closed During Year	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
MODERATED SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE SECTION TOTALS								
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Cases Received During Year	6	0	0	2	0	0	4	12
Cases Closed During Year								
Resolved Prior to Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases in Which Hearing Held	6	0	0	2	0	0	2	10
Cases Unresolved but Closed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cases Closed During Year	6	0	0	2	0	0	2	10
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	10

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*Total by category cannot be indicated because case dispositions by category were not reported by Dallas, and San Antonio.

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COURT-ANNEXED ARBITRATION SECTION

CATEGORIES OF DISPUTES

CENTERS	Injury or Damage Involving Motor Vehicle	Injury or Damage Other Than Motor Vehicle	Workers' Compensation, Tax or Condemnation	Deceptive Trade Practices Act	Divorce	Accounts, Contracts, Notes	Other Civil Cases	Total
	HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER							
Cases Pending September 1, 1999	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cases Received During Year	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Cases Closed During Year								
Resolved Prior to Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases in Which Hearing Held	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cases Unresolved but Closed	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total Cases Closed During Year	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Cases Pending August 31, 2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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