

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITY FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001

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.

Ten centers submitted reports for the period of September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001. Of the activity reported, 17,933 cases were received during the reporting period, 16,601 were closed and 3,161 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 that are not reported.

MEDIATION SECTION						
<i>Centers & Type of Case</i>	<i>Cases Pending 9/1/2000</i>	<i>Cases Received</i>	<i>Cases Closed</i>			<i>Cases Pending 8/31/2001</i>
			<i>Prior to Hearing</i>	<i>Hearing Held</i>	<i>Unresolved but Closed</i>	
AMARILLO - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friend, & Relatives	32	239	115	117	10	29
Employer-Employee	0	7	6	0	1	0
Landlord-Tenant	0	34	33	0	1	0
Business Consumer- Merchant	1	28	19	7	1	2
Other	3	127	94	31	3	2
Total	36	435	267	155	16	33
BEAUMONT - MEDIATION CENTER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC.						
Neighbors, Friend, & Relatives	10	660	446	120	89	15
Employer-Employee	1	125	83	13	28	2
Landlord-Tenant	0	197	147	16	32	2
Business Consumer- Merchant	6	686	415	104	162	11
Other	0	634	363	155	113	3
Total	17	2,302	1,454	408	424	33
BRYAN / COLLEGE STATION - BRAZOS COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friend, & Relatives	16	67	16	55	12	0
Employer-Employee	1	4	0	4	0	1
Landlord-Tenant	1	1	1	0	0	1
Business Consumer- Merchant	4	7	2	8	1	0
Other	3	17	4	4	0	12
Total	25	96	23	71	13	14
CONROE - MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friend, & Relatives	31	226	33	174	10	40
Employer-Employee	1	0	0	0	0	1
Landlord-Tenant	1	0	0	0	0	1
Business Consumer- Merchant	24	55	9	39	9	22
Other	2	6	0	5	1	2
Total	59	287	42	218	20	66

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CORPUS CHRISTI - NUECES COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friend, & Relatives	158	527	13	190	263	219
Employer-Employee	2	17	1	6	8	4
Landlord-Tenant	5	41	4	7	23	12
Business Consumer- Merchant	20	262	28	51	118	85
Other	28	313	6	236	99	0
Total	213	1,160	52	490	511	320
DALLAS - DISPUTE MEDIATION SERVICE, INC.						
CASE DISPOSITIONS NOT REPORTED BY CATEGORY						
Total	809	2,234	976	792	424	851
EL PASO - EL PASO COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friend, & Relatives	3	436	290	116	21	12
Employer-Employee	3	24	11	4	12	0
Landlord-Tenant	1	107	79	15	10	4
Business Consumer- Merchant	20	424	318	79	36	11
Other	18	303	158	111	31	21
Total	45	1,294	856	325	110	48
HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friend, & Relatives	56	842	53	660	124	61
Employer-Employee	8	67	3	27	34	11
Landlord-Tenant	9	159	25	70	60	13
Business Consumer- Merchant	46	462	66	269	128	45
Other	178	1,104	48	638	82	514
Total	297	2,634	195	1,664	428	644
LUBBOCK - SOUTH PLAINS DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friend, & Relatives	0	1,876	514	475	364	523
Employer-Employee	0	115	7	12	18	78
Landlord-Tenant	0	222	83	28	111	0
Business Consumer- Merchant	0	714	148	166	157	243
Other	0	464	58	248	110	48
Total	0	3,391	810	929	760	892
SAN ANTONIO - BEXAR COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
CASE DISPOSITIONS NOT REPORTED BY CATEGORY						
Total	541	5,260	4,310	499	412	580
MEDIATION SECTION TOTALS	1,829	17,933	8,933	5,061	2,607	3,161

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MODERATED SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE SECTION

<u>Centers</u>	<u>Cases Pending 9/1/2000</u>	<u>Cases Received</u>	<u>Cases Closed</u>			<u>Cases Pending 8/31/2001</u>
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EL PASO - EL PASO COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Injury/Damage Involving Motor Vehicle	0	3	1	1	0	1
Injury/Damage Other than Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worker's Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tax Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Condemnation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accounts, Contracts, Notes	1	1	0	1	0	1
Other Civil Cases	1	1	0	1	0	1
Total	2	5	1	3	0	3
HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Injury/Damage Involving Motor Vehicle	8	1	0	0	0	9
Injury/Damage Other than Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worker's Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tax Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Condemnation	0	1	0	1	0	0
Accounts, Contracts, Notes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Civil Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	2	0	1	0	9
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE TOTAL	10	7	1	4	0	12

COURT ANNEXED ARBITRATION SECTION

<u>Centers</u>	<u>Cases Pending 9/1/2000</u>	<u>Cases Received</u>	<u>Cases Closed</u>			<u>Cases Pending 8/31/2001</u>
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HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Injury/Damage Involving Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	1	0	0
Injury/Damage Other than Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	0	0	1
Worker's Compensation, Tax, Condemnation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceptive Trade Practices Act	1	1	0	1	0	1
Divorce	0	1	0	0	1	0
Accounts, Contracts, Notes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Civil Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	4	0	2	1	2