



# COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2015

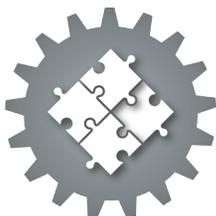
Since 1990, the Community Dispute Resolution Program (CDRP) has functioned as a network of nonprofit organizations that receive grant funding from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) to provide Michigan citizens with a means to work out disputes outside of court. With almost 19,000 hours of mediation, training, and other types of volunteer services in 2015 (representing a market value contribution of over \$2.4 million dollars), CDRP is devoted to serving Michigan communities. Local centers may be contacted at (800)-8RESOLVE. The current statewide CDRP Performance Dashboard can be found online at: [courts.mi.gov/cdrpdashboard](http://courts.mi.gov/cdrpdashboard).

**3 out of 4** parties settle their disagreements

**\$3,759** Avg. Amount  
**PER SETTLEMENT**

**Parties Kept the Agreements They Made**

**88.7%** Civil Division Cases  
**90.7%** Family Division Cases



**25** Avg. Days to Disposition  
**1.5** Avg. Duration of Mediation (Hours)

## Dispute Resolution Services at the Centers

### Circuit Court Case Type

- Family Division
- Unrepresented Litigant Divorce
- Pre- and Post-Judgment Domestic Relations
- Truancy
- Child Protection
- Parenting Time Mediation

### General Civil Claims

- Nondomestic Personal Protection Orders

### District Court Case Type

- General Civil Claims
- Landlord/Tenant
- Small Claims

### Probate Court Case Type

- Guardianships
- Conservatorships, Trusts, and Testamentary

### School Conflict Management Services

- Restorative Practices
- Peer Mediation
- Truancy Prevention
- Restorative Conferencing
- Bullying Prevention

## From the Judges...

“ On behalf of the 63rd District Court, I can personally attest to how valuable the volunteer mediators are to helping resolve cases in our court. The volunteer mediators are dedicated, committed, and well prepared in their duties, which directly impacts the success of our mediation program at the Court. In fact, if it wasn't for the volunteer mediators, we wouldn't have any type of dispute resolution. The statistics show that a great deal of money and time is saved as a direct result of the efforts of the volunteer mediators.

-The Honorable Sara J. Smolenski  
Chief Judge, 63rd District Court

“ The probate and family courts often deal with cases involving emotional conflict and sensitive issues. We find that mediation helps resolve these personal concerns in a more private and flexible setting which then often leads to a long term resolution for the people involved.

-The Honorable Frederick Mulhauser  
Chief Judge, 7th Probate and Family Court

“ As a busy family court judge, I have thousands of contested cases requiring decisions. Thankfully, the Community Resolution Center has been my partner for years in helping people look past the anger and stress in order to reach agreement through mediation. Instead of airing their grievances in open court, these caring and skilled mediators, all volunteers, work with the litigants to solve their own problems. This is in the best interests of everyone, but especially the children. What a wonderful service and a benefit to the community!

-The Honorable David J. Newblatt  
7th Circuit Family Court

## Types of Cases Disposed

