



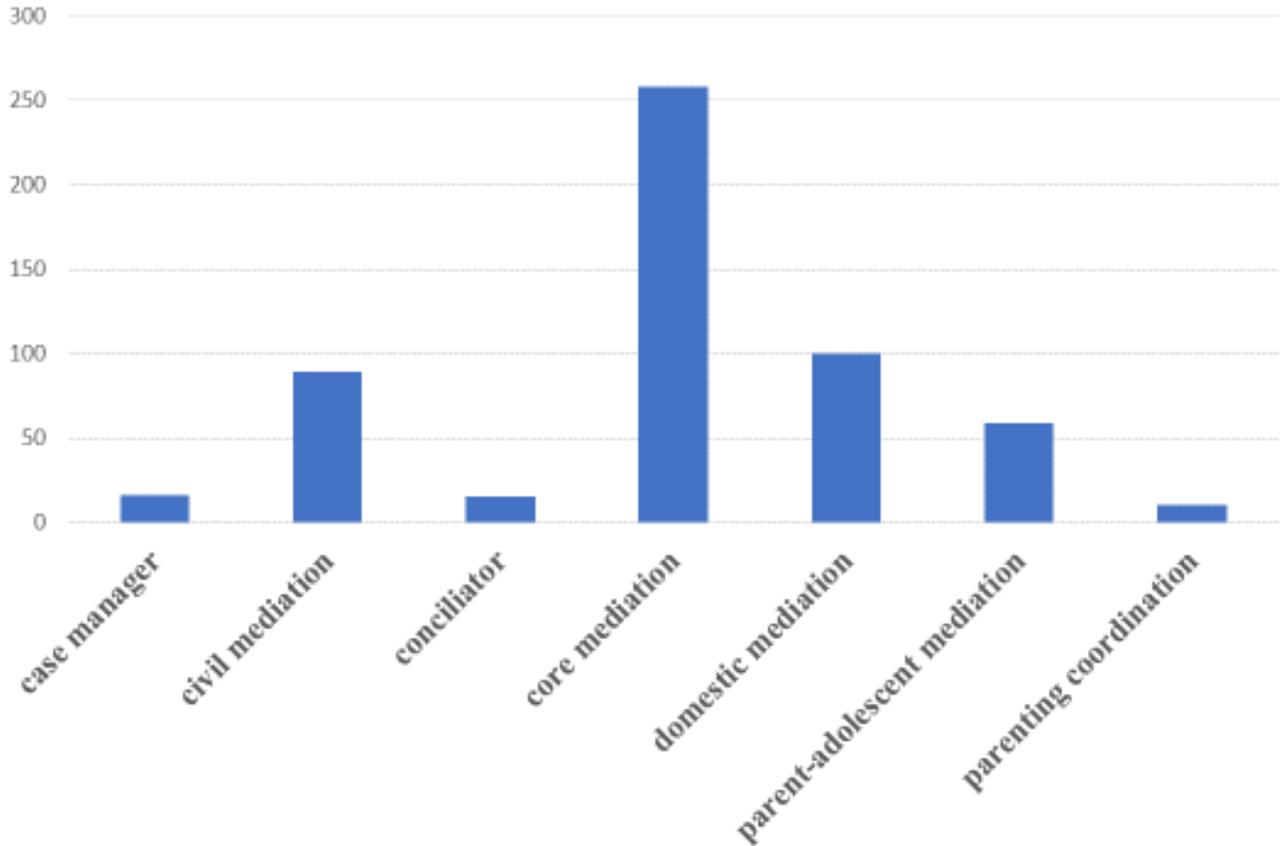
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This report is submitted in compliance with K.S.A. 5-506(b). It requires the director of dispute resolution to report annually on the implementation of the Kansas Dispute Resolution Act. The act establishes an approval process for individuals and programs that practice dispute resolution, which is defined as “a process by which the parties involved in a dispute voluntarily agree or are referred or ordered by a court to enter into discussion and negotiation with the assistance of a neutral person.” Common forms of dispute resolution used in Kansas include mediation, conciliation, and parenting coordination. The act also establishes the Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution, composed of knowledgeable individuals trained in dispute resolution. This council advises the director of dispute resolution on the administration of the act and related topics.

In this report, you will find information on the number of approved providers by approval category and the types of disputes handled by approved programs and individuals.

# 2020 Approved Providers by Category



## 2020 Approval Totals

258 Dispute resolution providers

12 Dispute resolution programs

# Three-Year Comparison of Dispute Resolution Subject Areas

Areas	2018	2019	2020
agriculture	39	19	30
case management	180	151	0
church	40	21	22
civil rights	110	39	42
community	48	22	31
consumer	78	42	40
custody/parenting plan	3213	2,594	1,547
domestic (full case)	363	290	143
domestic property	140	122	68
employment	239	260	353
environmental	8	8	5
family	86	67	46
group mediation	16	15	0
high conflict	0	0	0
juvenile dependency	18	14	13
limited action	39	23	21
malpractice	15	4	8
other	474	458	143
parent adolescent	76	86	78
personal injury	30	30	46
probate	36	33	41
public policy	4	0	4
small business	743	507	385
special education	39	19	16
victim/offender	140	124	265
workers compensation	107	19	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,281</b>	<b>4,967</b>	<b>3,351</b>

Dispute resolution totals in the three-year comparison are taken from the annual renewal applications providers use to report the number of services provided. 3

***To promote, encourage, and facilitate alternative  
dispute resolution services which are accessible and  
affordable.***

~Advisory Council on Dispute  
Resolution mission statement

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