

COLORADO JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
Office of Dispute Resolution

ODR Policies and Procedures Manual
Subject: **RESPONSIBILITIES OF ODR CENTRAL**

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ODR Central is housed within the State Court Administrator's Office ("SCAO") in Denver and is responsible for the oversight of dispute resolution services throughout the Colorado Courts. General responsibilities of the central office include:

- Managing state funds to provide mediation and other dispute resolution services to indigent parties
- Managing federal grant funds to provide mediation and other dispute resolution services to parents for access & visitation issues
- Maintaining statistics about mediation and other dispute resolution services provided by ODR Neutrals statewide
- Overseeing the contracting process of ODR Neutrals to provide quality services in all judicial districts
- Communicating with judicial officers, court staff and the community at large regarding specific needs and issues related to ODR services
- Providing educational opportunities for professional development and best practices to ODR Neutrals, judicial officers, court staff, and the community at large
- Developing and implementing programs and referral processes between ODR Neutrals and agencies such as local Child Support Enforcement (CSE) offices, Child Welfare programs, etc.
- Cooperating with other departments of State Judicial to provide quality education programs
- Participating in Court Improvement and Best Practice Court Teams across the state
- Cooperating with other dispute resolution organizations in planning annual statewide ADR Conference