

MODELS OF FUNDING FOR OHIO COURT MEDIATION PROGRAMS
Prepared for Supreme Court Committee on Dispute Resolution
by the Office of Dispute Resolution Programs
Supreme Court of Ohio
February 2000

	Parties pay mediator pursuant to court suggestion or order	Court staff or contract mediators—paid by court*	Magistrates mediate (cases that they have not heard and/or will not hear)	Settlement Week/Days (volunteer attorney mediators)	Volunteer mediators at court	Community mediation center with contract
	23 programs	80 programs	5 courts	16 programs	25 programs	6 courts
Courts of common pleas-general division civil cases (49)	Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Lucas, Mercer (4)	Ashland, Ashtabula, Champaign, Clermont, Clinton, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Fulton, Hamilton, Henry, Huron, Lawrence, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Portage, Richland, Ross, Sandusky-Ottawa-Seneca, Scioto, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Union (25)	Franklin	Ashtabula, Butler, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Geauga, Hamilton, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Miami, Richland, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, (17)	Richland (occasionally) Ashtabula (occasionally)	

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Domestic relations (47)	Athens, Clinton, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hancock, Lake, Licking, Lucas, Mahoning, Mercer, Montgomery, Ottawa, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Wood (19)	Ashtabula, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Erie, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Henry, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Montgomery, Muskingum, Richland, Union, Van Wert (23)	Guernsey Butler, Clermont, -- Magistrate conducted settlement conferences- Montgomery -- co-mediation model:			Summit (Better Business Bureau of Akron)
Juvenile – parenting (17)	Franklin, Wood	Ashtabula, Butler, Clark, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Licking, Lucas, Montgomery, Muskingum, Richland, Union, Van Wert (12)			Clinton, Lucas (2)	Perry (Main Street Mediation)

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Juvenile—status/delinquency (27)		Athens, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Erie, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Lawrence, Licking, Montgomery, Ross, Scioto, Warren, Wayne, (18)			Clinton, Lucas, Franklin, Richland, Stark, Van Wert (6)	Montgomery, (Dayton Mediation Center) Mahoning (Mahoning Valley Dispute Resolution Services) Perry (Main Street Mediation)
Victim offender mediation Adult Felony (AF) Adult Misdemeanor (AM) Juvenile (J) (10)		Richland (AF,J) Montgomery (AF) Union (AF, J) Van Wert (J)			Butler County Juvenile Court (J), Fulton County Juvenile Court (J), Holmes County VORP Program (non-profit) (AF, AM, J), Richland (J)Williams County Juvenile Court (J)	Dayton Municipal Court (Dayton Mediation Center) (AM)
Abuse, Dependency & Neglect (7)		Champaign, Clark, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Lucas, Montgomery (6)			Clinton	

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Probate (6)		Licking, Summit, Trumbull (3)				Clark, Greene, Montgomery (no contract)
Municipal court-small claims (35)		Alliance, Cleveland, Defiance, Franklin, Hamilton, Toledo, Massillon, Napoleon (8)		Franklin	Akron, Ashtabula, Ashtabula County Courts, Berea, Brown County Court, Bowling Green, Cambridge, Circleville, Conneaut, Findlay, Huber Heights, Mansfield, Marion, Maumee, Mt. Vernon, Oregon, Perrysburg, Rocky River, Sidney, Sylvania, Tiffin, Toledo, Vandalia, Zanesville, (24)	Dayton (Dayton Mediation Center) Perry County Court (Main Street Mediation) Youngstown (Mahoning Valley Dispute Resolution Service)
Appellate courts (6)		First, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, Twelfth Districts (6)				

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Other:						
		Court of Claims: Retired Judge conducts Settlement conferences Supreme Court: Master Commissioner mediates some appeals and original actions				

*Courts have funded staff and contract positions in several ways:

1. pilot project grants through Supreme Court
2. county funding
3. add on filing fees plus county funding
4. administrative fee for mediation services (paid by parties) plus county funding