

SUSTAIN AND PRIORITIZE EFFECTIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, EQUITY, AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE EFFORTS

Washington's 21 Dispute Resolution Centers (DRCs) strengthen equity in dispute resolution through free or affordable community-based mediation and training statewide, including trauma-informed services supporting housing stability, family stability, and youth and community restorative practices.

- DRCs help families, individuals, organizations and communities to effectively navigate conflicts amid mounting economic, political, and social pressures.
- DRCs provide community access to justice in response to tensions including polarization, housing crises, family struggles and public safety.



- DRCs meet clients where they are, and meet accessibility needs through language assistance, options for in person, phone, and online services, working with community partners.
- The DRCs continue to deliver voluntary housing stability services following the June 2023 conclusion of the two-year, mandatory Eviction Resolution Pilot Program, in addition to other dispute resolution and training services.

RESOLUTION WASHINGTON APPRECIATES THE LEGISLATURE'S 2023-2025 BIENNIAL INVESTMENT IN THE WELLBEING OF COMMUNITIES STATEWIDE VIA DRC GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT.

LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

ENHANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THROUGH SERVICE-READY ORGANIZATIONS

Resolution Washington strongly encourages Washington State to consider new program collaborations in priority areas, including upstream solutions to housing challenges and access to justice that draw upon existing strengths within organizations and communities across our state.

PRIORITIZE EQUITY AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN LEGISLATION AND INVESTMENT

Resolution Washington and the DRCs request that the Legislature prioritize policies, practices, and services that advance equity, dismantle poverty, and address systemic racism, including by integrating effective and equity-focused dispute resolution processes when creating legislation.

“
I am so excited that I am going to be able to sign the parenting plan that officially ends the court case that has been so difficult and stressful for my family.
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-- Family Mediation Client

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[Mediation] created the safety to begin making agreements that otherwise would not have happened.
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-- Mediation Client



WASHINGTON'S DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTERS

144,000+

PEOPLE DIRECTLY SERVED IN FY23

85%

OF CLIENTS SAY
MEDIATION IMPROVED
THEIR SITUATION

15,000+

DISPUTE RESOLUTION
CASES IN FY23

74%

ERPP CASES RESOLVED
BEFORE GOING TO COURT

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