Housed within the ADR Center at the University of Oregon School of Law, the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution currently supports twenty community mediation centers in twenty-five Oregon counties through grantmaking, consultation, technical assistance, research, training, networking, and collaborative initiatives.

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Here's what some of our students are doing.

**Amy Hicksted**
Law and master's student, Conflict and Dispute Resolution Program; research on adult guardianship and conservatorship programs for a pilot probate mediation project in rural Oregon

“As a student with an interest in probate law and advocacy I've gained insight into best practices in probate mediation. I've also had the opportunity to experience first-hand some of the ways in which to develop a local probate mediation program.”

**Leland Rill**
Master's student, Conflict and Dispute Resolution Program; volunteer mediator and community outreach assistant

“Working with the newly formed Blue Mountain Community Dispute Resolution program has allowed me to put my passion and skills to use in the way I have envisioned. Having grown up in rural eastern Oregon, I'm excited and honored to be a part of developing a successful grassroots mediation program in my community.”

**Noah Chamberlain**
Law and master's student, Conflict and Dispute Resolution Program; research on best practices in court-connected mediation

“In the classroom setting it is impossible to truly understand or appreciate what takes place in practice. My internship provided an opportunity to connect what I have learned through study with conflicts in the community. I’ve gained exposure to best practices in court-connected mediation which I’ve since incorporated into my volunteer work as a small claims court mediator.”

**Laura Johnson**
Undergraduate fellow; research on best practices in child welfare and dependency mediation for a pilot foster parent/foster teen mediation project.

“Mediation programs serve as powerful venues for change, not only for individuals, but for communities. I've been impressed by the committed efforts of multiple groups to integrate mediation into the child welfare system. I've learned the importance of collaborative communication and am inspired to incorporate this skill into my future work.”

**Adele Berlinski**
Master's student, Conflict and Dispute Resolution Program; volunteer community mediator

“Volunteering at Community Mediation Services allows me to apply what I learned in school. I am grateful to the wonderful mentors at CMS who have helped me to become a better mediator.”

**Keith Leitz**
Law student, graduate fellow; research and coordinate responses to legislative initiatives supporting Oregon community mediation centers

“My fellowship has been the most practical and educational experience of my first year in law school. I learned as much about research and advocacy in my fellowship as I did during my entire year of classes.”