

# Dispute Resolution Newsletter

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Happy New Year, dispute resolution community!

In this issue, I introduce a valuable new resource developed by the Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution. It's a comprehensive [brochure about mediation](#) that offers a clear explanation of mediation, types of mediation available, and guidance on selecting an approved mediator. To make it easier to find resources, the brochure includes QR codes that can be scanned with your mobile device. We want to make it convenient to learn about and use mediation services.

The brochure is an excellent tool for anyone interested in understanding how mediation works and how it may help resolve conflicts outside of the courtroom.

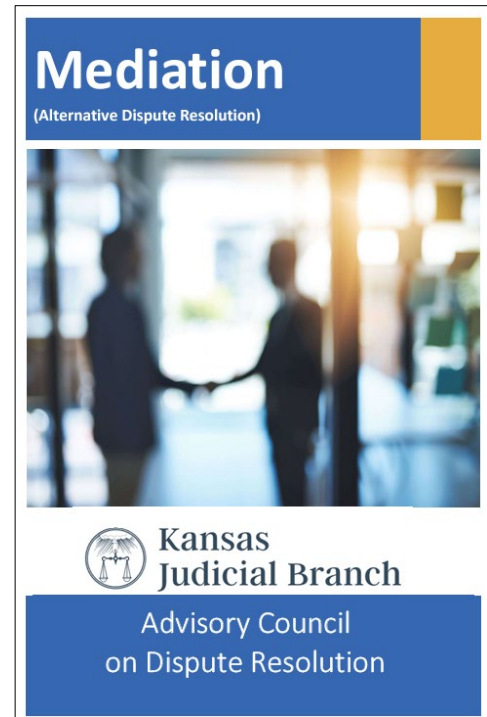
I encourage you to share this resource with your colleagues, clients, and anyone who may benefit from mediation.

If you have suggests for Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution projects, email them to [ADR@kscourts.gov](mailto:ADR@kscourts.gov).

Best wishes,



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# **Announcements**

## **Update for Newly Approved Dispute Resolution Providers**

If you are a newly approved dispute resolution provider, you are now exempt from the six-hour continuing dispute resolution education requirements for your first year of renewal. This exemption applies if the required training was completed within the renewal year compliance period. Note that while you're exempt from the CDRE hours requirement, you will still need to submit a renewal application.

## **Update Regarding Primary Training Hours**

If you complete primary training hours, you can now use those hours to meet both the approval requirements for a new category and the ongoing six-hour continuing dispute resolution education requirement if the training was completed within the renewal year compliance period. Note that while the training can count for both, you still need to submit your renewal application.

## **Notice: Postponement of Mentor Mediator Primary Training**

Due to low registration numbers, the Mentor Mediator Primary Training sponsored by KIPCOR and the Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution has been postponed. The virtual training will now be from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 31 and April 2. The early bird registration deadline is March 3.

[Register for Mentor Mediator Training](#)

## **Virtual Dispute Resolution Town Hall Meeting**

Join the dispute resolution director for a Virtual Dispute Resolution Town Hall Meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 6. The meeting is open to all providers and programs. It's also free and approved for one hour of continuing dispute resolution education. Registration is required.

[Register for town hall](#)

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