## **Office of Dispute Resolution**



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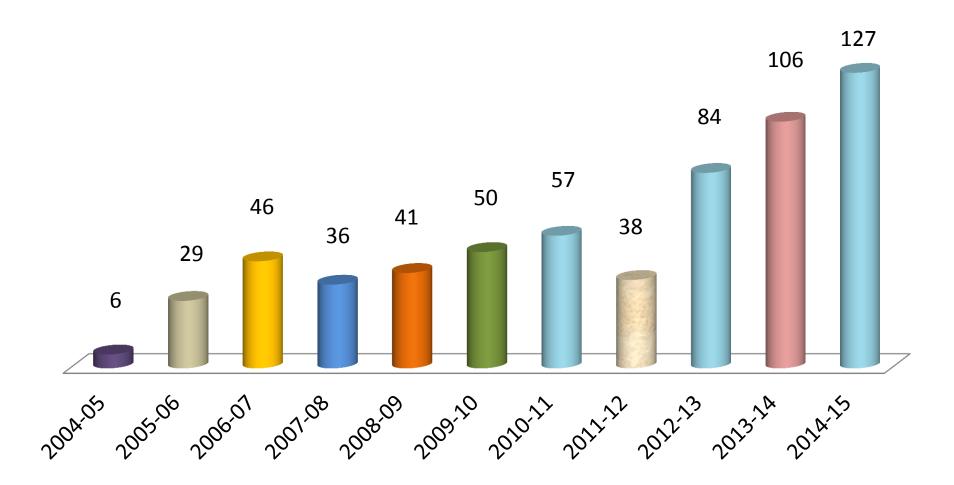
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# Idaho SDE's Office of Dispute Resolution

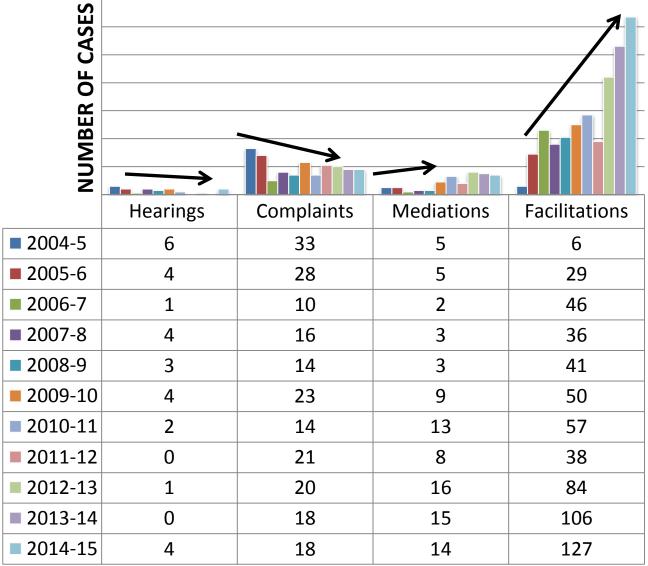
- Coordinator: Melanie Reese
  - Program Specialist: Lily Robb
  - About 150 District/ 28,000 Students on IEPs
- 21 Contractors Statewide
  - 18 IEP Facilitators
  - 8 Mediators
  - 7 Complaint Investigators
  - 3 Hearing Officers



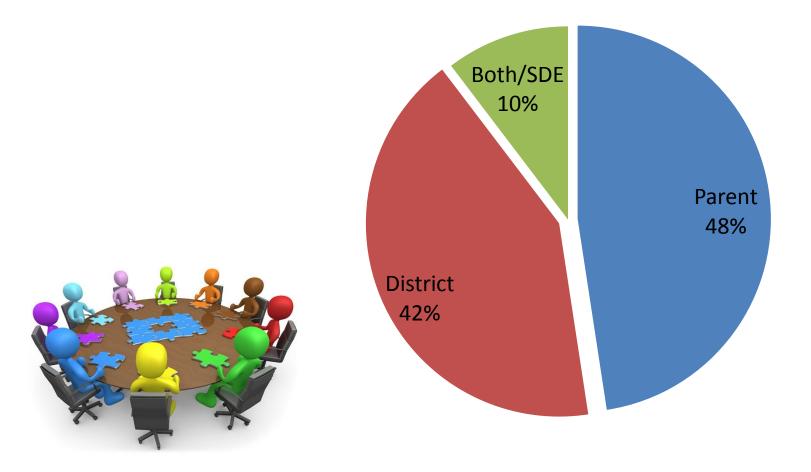
# *Idaho Facilitations through the Ages* Number Held: 2005 - 2015



#### Dispute Resolution Office Completion Comparison 2005-2015



# 2014-15 Facilitations by Requestor



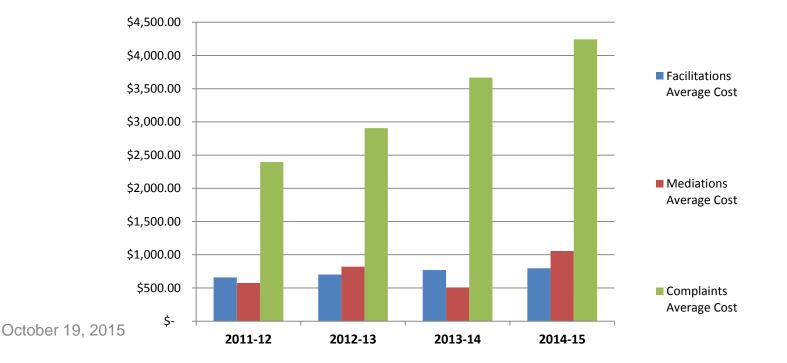
### 2014-15 Cost Comparisons

Facilitations **\$796** (\$211- \$3015)

**\$1057** (\$530 - \$1706)

**Mediations** 

#### Complaints \$4242 (\$1455 - \$15,170)



# Lessons Learned

People have short term memories
"What have you done for me lately?"

• Importance of keeping narrative focused and message tight. Messaging matters!

• Cultivate champions of your program.

• You have to start somewhere, but don't be afraid to focus where the need arises.

# What's Next?

- More outreach from DR Office (training, inservice, presentations)
- Improve Facilitated Resolution Session process (increase Settlement Agreement rate)
- Increase efficiencies to manage growth
- Continuous improvement of data collection

# **Questions?**



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