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ANNOTATION:

DESIGN: The focus of this study of 555 cases from six programs in Indiana, Oregon and Wisconsin is the victim's willingness to participate. Fifty-three percent of the possible cases failed to meet because of victim refusal to mediate.

REASONS: Using regression analysis on offender and victim characteristics routinely gathered by the program mediators, it was discovered that victims were more likely to meet if the offender was white (as were the majority of victims), had committed a misdemeanor offense, and if the victim represented an institution rather than simply himself or herself. Data was not available to address questions of whether the decision to participate was related to the degree of anxiety originally aroused by the crime. Apparently, some victims viewed mediation as having potential for reopening old wounds.

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- RECORD DATA
- US