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ANNOTATION:

DESIGN: This study presents data gathered on participants at the Center for Victim Offender Mediation program in Minneapolis for the year 1989. Three hundred and seventy-nine cases were referred. Fifty-six percent of those referrals revolved around misdemeanor offenses. Over sixty percent of the referrals occurred after adjudication.

PARTICIPATION RATES: Half of these cases resulted in face-to-face mediation.

RESTITUTION: Ninety-six percent of the mediation meetings resulted in restitution agreements incorporating over twenty-three thousand dollars, four hundred plus hours of service to victims, and nearly 800 hours of community service. Over eighty percent of the agreements were successfully completed.

SATISFACTION AND FAIRNESS: victims and offenders indicated high levels of satisfaction with the process. Nearly all the participants felt the agreement was fair to both parties. Meeting the victim was rated as important by almost all the offenders. Ninety-six percent of the offenders would recommend the program to a friend. Over eighty percent of the victims indicated that it was helpful to meet the offender.