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East County Bridges

Connections and (Re)Connections

September 2025

Agenda



- Bridges Overview
- ECB: Re-Engagement
- ECB: Collaborative
- Blueprint '28
- Questions

What are the Bridges Programs?



Bridges programs support educational transitions and outcomes for students who have been disengaged from school via educational disruption. Bridges Transition Specialists (TS) work with students to (re)engage and provide reentry services as they transition to their education setting.

BRIDGES PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE



Program	Eligibility	DESCRIPTION	SERVICES
Bars to Bridges (B2B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black/African American Justice Involved Ages 11-24 	B2B serves justice impacted Black/African American youth throughout Oregon and primarily in the tri-county area to help advocate and support in their educational journey. Will stay with youth post probation or parole.	B2B provides services such as advocacy, mentorship, school transition support, tutoring, transportation, school supplies, resources, and ongoing education support. Services are voluntary for youth.
DEL Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ages 11-19 Come through Donald E Long 	DEL Bridges serves all non-Black youth coming through Donald E Long detention center in Portland, OR. Transition Specialists serve the tri-county area and support students as they leave detention and re-enter school post release.	DEL Bridges provides services such as school (re)enrollment, resources, and school supplies. They offer ongoing check ins through the year. Services are voluntary and youth may disengage at any time.
Yamhill/Baker Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ages 11-19 Come through Baker Creek Detention Center 	Yamhill Bridges serves youth coming through Baker Creek detention center in McMinnville, OR. Transition Specialists serve 6-7 different counties and support students with their re-entry into school post release from detention.	Yamhill Bridges provides services such as school (re)enrollment, resources, and school supplies. They offer ongoing check ins through the year. Services are voluntary and youth may disengage at any time.
East County Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live in East Multnomah County Ages 14-24 	ECB serves students in the East Multnomah County area within the 5 school districts: Centennial, David Douglas, Gresham-Barlow, Parkrose, and Reynolds. Mission is to empower youth to be the drives in their education.	ECB provides school (re)engagement support by connecting them to their home district and exploring school options. Culturally specific resources and education support offered. This is student driven.
Hospital School/LTCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come through hospitalization or sub-acute setting 	Hospital School Program (HSP) and Long Term Care & Treatment (LTCT) serve youth who've been hospitalized or in sub-acute treatment and help their reentry from medical settings back into school or explore education options.	HSP and LTCT provide education reentry services and help provide resources post release from medical settings. Transition Specialists help advocate for preferred school settings and check in post release.

East County Bridges (ECB) Reengagement



GOAL 1

Creating A High-Quality
Learning Experience For All



GOAL 2

Operationalizing Systems
That Engage & Empower
Communities



GOAL 3

Building A Culturally
Responsive Workforce

What is East County Bridges (ECB)?



- We (re)connect students with the right district, improve engagement and outcomes, and simplify the educational system for students and families so that they can take charge of their education and future.
- We offer:
 - Individual Case Management
 - Outreach to Out-of-School Youth
 - Re-Engagement Events
 - Connection to Community-Based Organizations
 - Continuous Learning and District Support

Who we serve?



- Disconnected youth
- Youth who have experienced jail, detention, hospitalization, or treatment
- Ages 11-24
- No demographic qualifiers.
- Prioritize East County youth but can serve any youth in metro.



What sets ECB apart?



- **Student-driven:** We help them on THEIR path.
- Strong partnership with districts and community organizations
- Culturally-appropriate resources through our *Puente Hacia El Futuro* and *Bridging Island Futures* programs and close collaboration with *Bars to Bridges*.
- Focus on warm handoffs/transitions with ongoing follow-up
- Best fit matrix support

District Partners and GroupTrail



Sally Sue - Test Profile

Notes:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Address:

TASKS **MORE INFO** **SNAPSHOT** **FILES** **MESSAGES**

☒ My tasks ☒ Reengagement Intake Checklist ☒ Show completed

BACKGROUND

- ☐ Reengagement Caseload
- ☐ Reengagement Status
- ☐ Working with which Orgs
- ☐ Language Spoken at Home
- ☐ Date of Birth
- ☐ Gender

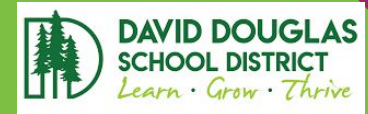
MESD ECB TS PROCESS

- ☐ Before calling the student/referral search Grouptrail to see if the student has already been assigned or flagged by the district
- ☐ If the referral is not placed by the student the TS will verify if the student/family is aware that the referral has been placed on their behalf
- ☐ When speaking with the student/referring party verify DOB for options

WHEN A CALL IS PLACED THE TS WILL

- ☐ Identify self and role
- ☐ What's important to you?
- ☐ What are your interests/main area of study?
- ☐ Are you open to sharing your reason for referral/disconnection and/or triggers you have?

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Best Fit Matrix



RESOURCES

Bridges Resource Guide

No grouping

More...

38 ITEMS

Boys & Girls Aid
Boys & Girls Aid - Safe Place for Youth
Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest Grove
Updated Dec 5, 2024 at 4:46 PM

C-TEC
C-TEC Youth Services
North Clackamas, Oregon City, Canby, Colton, Estacada, Gladstone, Oregon Trail, West Linn-Wilsonville, Lake Oswego, Molalla River
Updated Dec 16, 2024 at 12:09 PM

CENTRO
Centro Cultural de Washington County
Updated Oct 26, 2024 at 5:20 PM

DRO Disability Rights Oregon
Disability Rights Oregon
Serves all of Oregon
Updated Dec 10, 2024 at 4:50 PM

HARMONY ACADEMY
Harmony Academy
Serves all of Oregon
Updated Oct 26, 2024 at 5:21 PM

Helensview School
Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, Parkrose, Reynolds, David Douglas, North Clackamas, Oregon City, Portland Public
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HOME PLATE
HomePlate Youth Services
Beaverton, Hillsboro
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Hood River County
Hood River
Updated Dec 5, 2024 at 5:31 PM

ILP YMCA Tillamook
Tillamook
Updated Oct 23, 2024 at 6:51 PM

IMPACT NW CORE
Impact NW
Parkrose, Portland Public
Updated Dec 5, 2024 at 5:35 PM

MEWA
Metro East Web Academy (MEWA)
Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, Parkrose
Updated Oct 26, 2024 at 5:56 PM

MT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Mount Hood Community College GED Program
Gresham-Barlow, Centennial
Updated Oct 26, 2024 at 5:41 PM

Multnomah County Health Department
Multnomah County Health
Updated Nov 3, 2021 at 5:35 PM

NARA NORTHWEST
NARA NW/Reengagement Program
Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, Parkrose, Reynolds, David Douglas, North Clackamas, Oregon City, Portland Public, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Corbett
Updated Mar 5 at 4:27 PM

Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA)
Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, Parkrose, Reynolds, David Douglas, Portland Public
Updated Oct 27, 2024 at 11:05 PM

new avenues FOR YOUTH
New Avenues for Youth
Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, Parkrose, Reynolds, David Douglas, Portland Public
Updated Mar 4 at 1:20 PM

NWFE NORTHWEST FAMILY SERVICES
Northwest Family Services
Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, Reynolds
Updated Jan 16 at 5:10 PM

OPEN SCHOOL
Open School Inc
Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, Parkrose, Reynolds, David Douglas
Updated Dec 12, 2024 at 4:10 PM

the Y
Oregon Alliances of YMCAs
Serves all of Oregon
Updated Oct 27, 2024 at 11:16 PM

Outside In
Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, Parkrose, Reynolds, David Douglas, North Clackamas, Oregon City, Portland Public, Corbett
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PDX Bridge
PDX Bridge Program at PCC
Gresham-Barlow, Parkrose, Reynolds, David Douglas, Portland Public
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PWA
Portland Workforce Alliance
Gresham-Barlow, Parkrose, Reynolds, North Clackamas, Portland Public
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PYB
Portland Youth Builders (PYB)
Gresham-Barlow, Centennial, Parkrose, David Douglas, North Clackamas, Portland Public
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connect
PPS Reconnections
Portland Public
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Outreach



Ready for a fresh start?

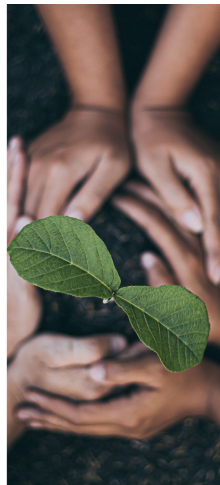
East County Bridges helps you take your next step. Speak with us today to get connected to school or other educational opportunities.



Ready for a fresh start?

Are you living in Multnomah County and ready to get your diploma or GED?

Speak with us today to get connected to school or other educational opportunities.
No judgement. Just support.



¿Listo para un nuevo comienzo?

East County Bridges lo ayuda a dar el próximo paso. Hable con nosotros hoy para reconectarse a la escuela u otras oportunidades educativas.



Let's build *your* path together!

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✉ EastCountyBridges@mesd.k12.or.us

☎ 503-389-3398



Let's connect & move forward!

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Collaboration

HOW TO GET RECONNECTED AT

CENTENNIAL

NEED HELP GETTING REGISTERED?

Visit the district website for online enrollment or to print enrollment forms. Reach out to Melissa Donnini at melissa_donnini@cisd28j.org for information on student support options like the teen parent program, food pantries and GED classes.



Still have questions?

Reach out to East County Bridges for help with enrollment

Centennial not your neighborhood school? We help you navigate enrollment and finding a school that fits your needs. We provide opportunities and support to help you complete high school.



P: (503) 389-3398

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КАК ЗАЧИСЛИТЬСЯ В ГРЕШАМ-БАРЛОУ

НАЧИНИТЕ РЕГИСТРАЦИЮ
СКАНИРУЙТЕ
QR КОД ДЛЯ
ДОСТУПА К
ИНФОРМАЦИИ



Вам менее 21 года, и вы хотите получить аттестат о среднем образовании? Вы не уверены, что вам подходит традиционная средняя школа?

Школьный округ Грешам-Барлоу предлагает несколько гибких программ и поддержку для учащихся, желающих получить аттестат о среднем образовании, включая: транспорт, наставничество, восстановление онлайн и вечерних учебных академических кредитов, а также поддержку родителей учащихся, и многое другое.

Свяжитесь с Хуан Сантьяго для получения дополнительной информации.
По телефону (971) 220-2788
по email santiago39@gresham.k12.or.us

НУЖНА ДОПОЛНИТЕЛЬНАЯ ПОМОЩЬ?
Позвоните в EAST COUNTY BRIDGES
ПО ТЕЛЕФОНУ (503) 389-3398

Мы предоставляем возможности и поддержку в окончании средней школы.



Reconexión con la preparatoria de Reynolds

REGÍSTRATE

Utiliza este código QR para acceder a la información de inscripción



APOYO ESCOLAR

RHS ofrece una gran cantidad de diferentes apoyos a los estudiantes mientras asisten a la preparatoria como un mentor de graduación para ayudar a los estudiantes a mantenerse en el camino correcto, pases de HOP para llegar a la escuela y más.

¿Aún necesitas ayuda?

Ponte en contacto con East County Bridges para ayuda con la inscripción para cualquier escuela.

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Cómo volver a conectarse con David Douglas



DAVID DOUGLAS
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EL PRIMER PASO ES INSCRIBIRTE

Escanea el código QR a continuación para ir a la información sobre la inscripción



APOYO ESCOLAR

David Douglas ofrece muchas maneras diferentes de ayudar a los estudiantes a obtener un diploma mientras asisten a la preparatoria, como brindarte un mentor de graduación, un pase HOP, acceso a despensas de alimentos y más.

EAST COUNTY BRIDGES

¿Necesitas ayuda adicional para inscribirte? Comunícate con East County Bridges al (503) 389-3398. Te orientaremos en la inscripción y a encontrar una escuela que se ajuste a tus necesidades. Brindamos oportunidades y apoyo para ayudarte a completar la preparatoria.

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How to get reconnected at Parkrose



Parkrose
School District

THE FIRST STEP IS TO GET REGISTERED

Scan the QR Code below to locate registration information



SCHOOL SUPPORT

Parkrose offers lots of different things to support students while they're attending high school such as a Graduation Mentor to help students stay on track, HOP passes to get to school, information on food pantries, and more.

Get in touch with Gabi Ross by giving her a call at 503.408.2679 or by sending her an email at rossgabi@parkrose.k12.or.us to access these supports.

NEED SOME ADDITIONAL HELP? GIVE EAST COUNTY BRIDGES A CALL AT (503) 389-3398

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Our Charge & Vision Statement



Charge: Create a system-wide network that enhances youth opportunity and connection in East Multnomah and NW Clackamas Counties.

Vision statement: We envision building and maintaining a collaborative and integrated systems that uplift and engage youth through connection to relevant community programs and resources.



“Systems change is about shifting the conditions that are holding a problem in place.”

Who is the Collaborative?



- City of Gresham Youth Services
- El Programa Hispano
- Health Share of Oregon System of Care
- Latino Network
- Multnomah County Juvenile Services
- Multnomah County Library
- Multnomah County Student Health Centers
- NARA NW
- NAYA
- New Avenues for Youth
- North West Family Services
- Portland Youth Builders
- REAP
- SE Works

Coming Soon!



ECB Collaborative Community Leaders Breakfast

Bringing elected community leaders, school districts, and community based organizations into a space to co-envision, co-develop and collaborate in improving the outcomes for our youth in the East Multnomah County region.

September 24, 2025



Blueprint '28



ECB (re)connects youth, including youth who have experienced significant barriers, to educational opportunities that meet their individual needs. Services are culturally responsive and individualized.



The Collaborative empowers community partners, city and county systems, and schools to improve youth serving systems so that youth may better access educational opportunities.



ECB supports youth, including those who identify as Latino/a/x, Black/African American, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander to access post-secondary learning and work opportunities.

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Thank You!!