



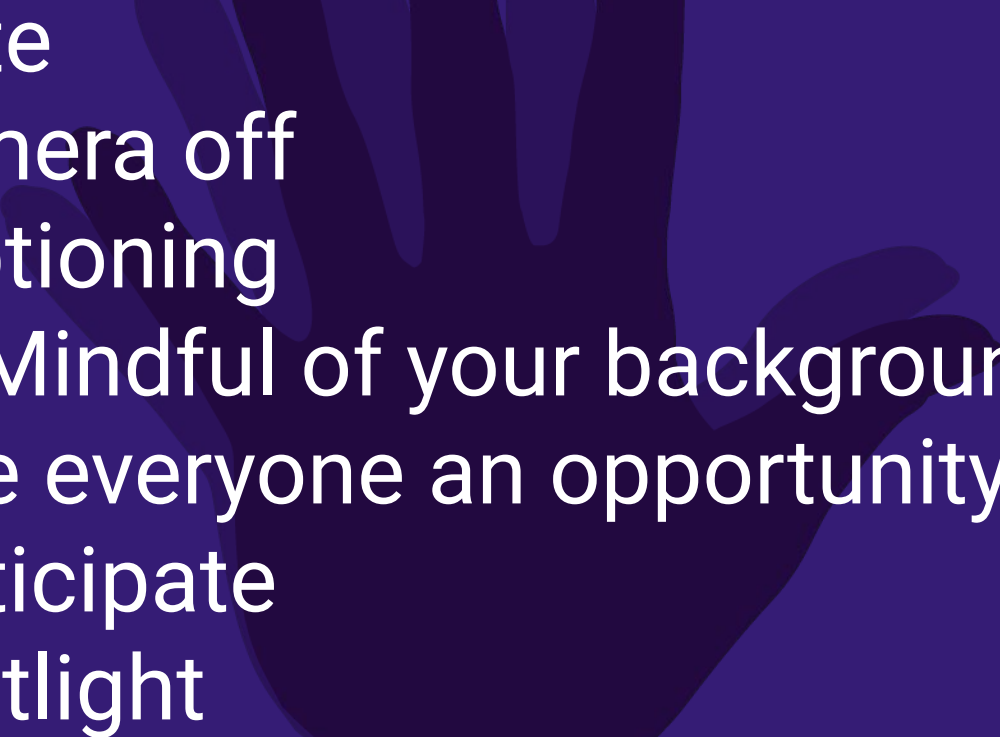
Bridges
OREGON



This session will be recorded.



Zoom Set-up

- Mute
 - Camera off
 - Captioning
 - Be Mindful of your background
 - Give everyone an opportunity to participate
 - Spotlight
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Hands Up or Questions



- Zoom Chat
 - Facebook wall on Bridges Oregon
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Introduction...





Land Acknowledgement

We are gathered on the land of the Kalapuya, who are represented today by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, whose relationship with this land continues to this day. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to study, learn, work, and be in community on this land. Finally, we respectfully acknowledge and honor past, present, and future Indigenous individuals of the Willamette Valley.

Bridges Oregon




*...of, by, for, and with Deaf, DeafBlind,
Hard of Hearing and those with additional
disabilities in Oregon.*



Mission statement:

...to facilitate equity, inclusiveness and provide a bridge to opportunities through advocacy, education and communication.





The 2016 Community-Based Needs Assessment of Oregon's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities by Western Oregon University (WOU) showed....

...barriers and discrimination in

- *Advocacy Services*
- *Case Management Services*
- *Communication Access*
- *Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault*
- *Education*
- *Employment*
- *Health Care*
- *Legal System*
- *Mental Health*
- *Public Services*
- *Substance and Alcohol Abuse*
- *Transportation*



Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Advocacy & Accompaniment Services



Confidentiality



- Grant Requirement
 - Information Sharing
 - Mandatory Reporter
 - Policy, ROIs, and Training
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Milestones in 2021

Bridges Oregon in the process





Tentative Start Date
Monday, July 12, 2021

It depends on fulfilling the training requirements by the grant.





Bridges Oregon is here to serve the victims of crime who are Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing:

- Work with Bridges Oregon Advocate
 - Legal matters and court appearances
 - Medical exams and appointments
 - Police and lawyer interviews
 - Oregon Dept. of Human Services (DHS)*
 - Help victims/survivors to learn about victims and survivors' rights
- Access to accompaniment service for emergencies, interviews, legal matters or medical matters
- Learn about resource available and get referrals



Oregon Dept. of Human Services (DHS)

- Information & Referral
- Individual advocacy (*assistance in applying for public benefits, etc.*)
- Interview Advocacy/accompaniment (*abuse, application, child welfare, foster children, independent living program, senior services, adult with developmental disabilities, long-term and in-home care, investigation, visitation, case proceedings, or support*)

List of Crimes



- Adult Physical Assault
- Adult Sexual Assault
- Arson
- Bullying (verbal, cyber or physical)
- Burglary
- Child Physical Abuse or Neglect
- Child Sexual Abuse/Assault
- Domestic and/or Family Violence
- Driving Under Influence (DUI)
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)
- Elder Abuse or Neglect
- Hate Crime: *racial, religious, gender, sexual orientation, other*
- Identity Theft, Fraud, Financial Crime
- Immigration
- Kidnapping
- Other Vehicular Victimization
- Robbery
- Stalking/Harassment
- Survivors of Homicide Victims
- Teen Dating Victimization
- Violation of a Court Order

I can't...

- Be a Deaf Interpreter at your appointments

If you are **not** a victim of any crime, but you need help with

- Tenant and landlord issue
- ASL translate the letter you received from DHS, Social Security, or any other government entities
- Lack of accommodation coverage at your appointment
- Help you with Social Security overpayment issue
- Help you with your own issues with access at your child's school

We will connect you with appropriate resources that can better assist you on non-victim issues.

I can...

- Go with you to file a restraining order
- Accompany you to get checked up by a doctor after an assault
- Assist to understand the paperwork and reports if a crime has occurred
- Connect you to resources as is appropriate
- Provide support to make appearance in court
- Be present with you during visitations, investigations, or interviews
- Ensure you have appropriate accessibility and accommodations that are directly related to your being a victim of crime.
- Provide coverage of interpreting services on a case-by-case basis

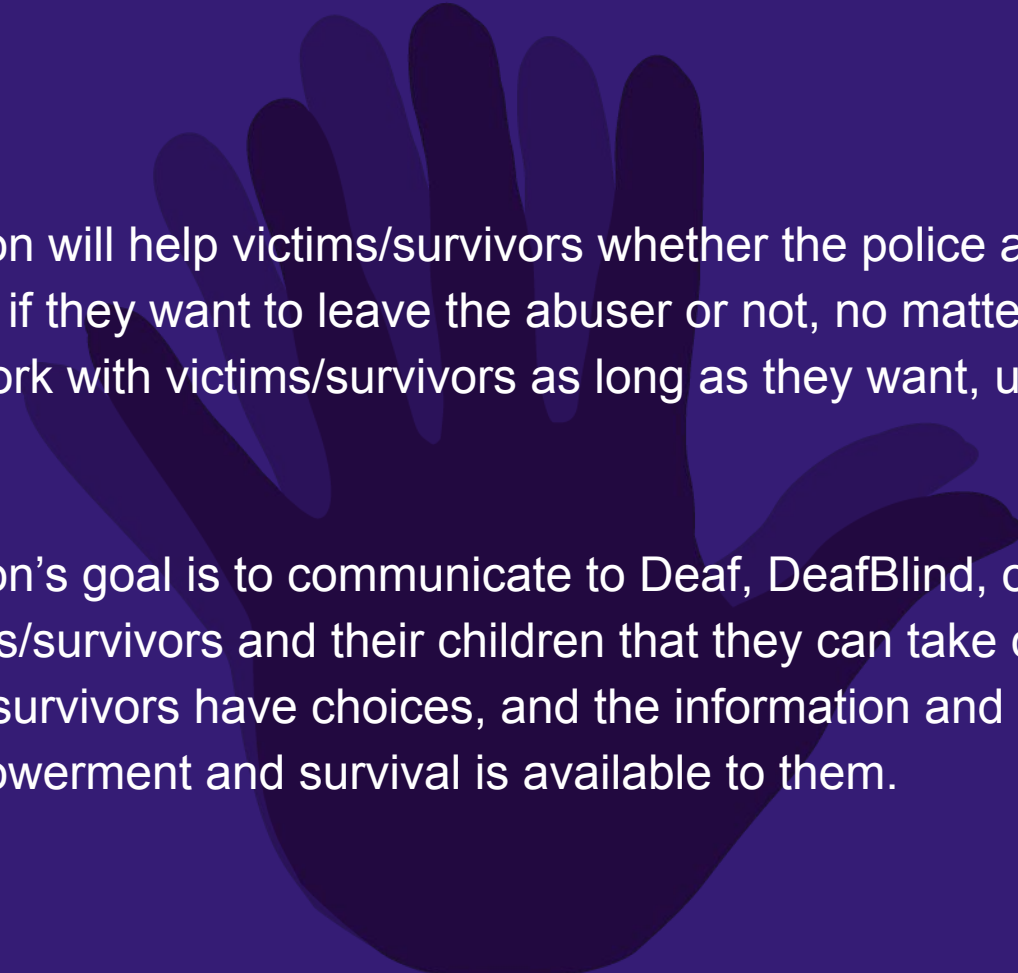
Service Availability

- Information & Referrals
- Personal Advocacy and Accompaniment
- Criminal and Civil Justice System Assistance

More to the Service:

- Safety Plans
- Your Rights
- Outreach & Education
- Survey






Bridges Oregon will help victims/survivors whether the police are involved or not, no matter if they want to leave the abuser or not, no matter what. Bridges Oregon will work with victims/survivors as long as they want, until they feel 100% safe.

Bridges Oregon's goal is to communicate to Deaf, DeafBlind, or hard of hearing victims/survivors and their children that they can take control of their lives. Victims/survivors have choices, and the information and assistance they need for empowerment and survival is available to them.



Review:
Confidentiality



...this service will be available starting in Summer of 2021 in Marion and Polk counties...

...the services we provide will eventually become statewide...






Questions and Answers






...to help Bridges Oregon grow...

...Bridges Oregon needs your support!



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OREGON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 3RD ANNUAL
COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

**A CONVERSATION
WITH OUR
DEAF AND
HARD OF HEARING
COMMUNITIES**

Opening Pathways
to Justice and Support with
Populations Impacted by Inequity

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND; PARTICIPATION
AND SPEAKING WILL BE PRIORITIZED FOR PEOPLE
FROM THESE COMMUNITIES

LET'S TALK ABOUT:

- **RIISING HATE CRIME AND BIAS TARGETING**
- **RE-VISIONING SUPPORT SERVICES**
- **JUSTICE, REFORM, AND ABSOLUTE
LIBERATION**

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST:

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JUSTICE SYSTEM
DEDICATED TO SAFETY,
SECURITY, &
PROTECTION FOR ALL**

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Wednesday, July 21st
from 1pm - 3pm to
join the conversation:

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Thank you!

