

# WHAT IS 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.

We will serve the Deaf,  
DeafBlind and Hard of  
Hearing people in Oregon,  
starting with Marion & Polk  
Counties then expand  
statewide.

## Contact Us

VOCA Client Advocate

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**VOCA:**

## **Victims of Crime Act**

Federal Funding, awarded by Oregon  
Department of Justice, Crime Victim &  
Survivor Division, pass through entity  
for U.S. Department of Justice, Office  
for Victims of Crime.



# This is a SAFE place to COME FORWARD

# You can work with your VOCA Client Advocate...

# You Are NOT Alone

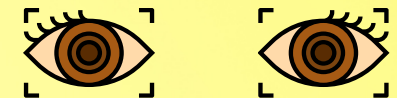


if you want to do something  
about your situation  
**OR**  
if you don't want to do  
something about your situation



IT IS YOUR CHOICE  
We Will Respect Your Choice

**We Are Here For You &  
We Are Ready To Listen**



- Legal matters and court appearances
- Medical exams and appointments
- Police and lawyer interviews
- Oregon Dept. of Human Services (ODHS)
- Help ensure victims/survivors learn about victims and survivors' rights

## You will also have...

- Access to accompaniment services for emergencies, interviews, legal matters or medical matters
- Resources that are available to you and get referrals

Deaf\*- Bridges Oregon has adopted with minor adaptations, the definition of 'Deaf' that is used by the National Deaf Center (NDC). Bridges Oregon is using the term *Deaf* in an all-inclusive manner, to include people who may identify as D/deaf, DeafBlind, deaf-blind, deaf with additional disabilities, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and/or persons with unilateral/bilateral hearing loss. Bridges Oregon recognizes that for many individuals, identity is fluid and can change over time or with setting. Bridges Oregon has chosen to use one term, Deaf, with the goal of recognizing experiences that are shared by all members of our diverse communities while also honoring all of our differences. Source: <https://www.nationaldeafcenter.org/defining-deaf>

Bridges Oregon is here to serve victims of crime who are Deaf\*

## What Victims of Crime Do We Serve?

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