

# 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 serve the Deaf,  
DeafBlind and Hard of  
Hearing people in the  
beautiful state of Oregon,

## Contact Us

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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

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

# You can work with your VOCA Advocate...

- Legal matters and court appearances
- Medical exams and appointments
- Police and lawyer interviews
- Oregon Dept. of Human Services (ODHS)
- Help with understanding your rights as a victim/survivor of crime.

## You will also have...

- Access to an advocate who can accompany for emergencies, interviews, legal matters or medical appointments
- Resources and referrals to other agencies and programs that can help

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>

# 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

