



DIAKON BRIDGE CENTRAL

We strive to nurture change and growth in youth, families and communities.

Goal

The Bridge Program is designed to provide a community-based alternative to higher levels of placement for adjudicated and dependent male and female youth. Working collaboratively with juvenile probation departments, children and youth services, schools, youth, parents, families and the community, the program focuses on providing support and assuring accountability.

Second Chance Community Redemption Incentive

Youth who have accumulated court costs, fines and restitution may earn financial incentives for program participation and completion, along with meeting a variety of criteria. As funds are earned, program staff will accompany the youth to the courthouse to pay costs, fines and restitution. Non-profit organizations in the surrounding community typically are sites for community service projects. The Second Chance opportunity is funded solely by community and employee donors.

Referrals

The Diakon Bridge Program serves male and female middle and high school age youth. To make a referral to Diakon Youth Services' Bridge Program contact:

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Bridge services include:

Service Delivery In:

- Strength-based youth & family engagement
- Motivational interviewing
- Supporting SMART goals

Life Skills:

- One-on-one guidance to develop skills in daily life, education, relationships, health, housing, and finances.
- Use hands-on experiences to connect learned skills to real-world applications
- Focus on transitional skills to adulthood

Education & Development In:

- Workforce development
- Healthy relationships
- Victim awareness, anger management, decision-making, conflict resolution, and substance use activities

Community Support:

- Mental health & substance use
- Recreational activities
- Community service

Education Support:

- Truancy prevention
- IEP advocacy