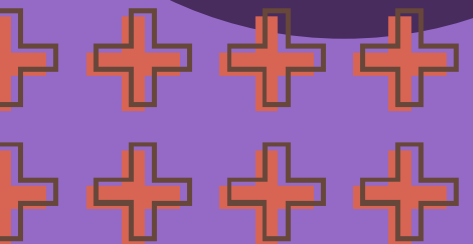
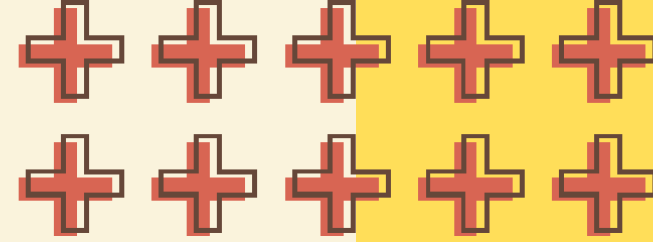


About

The Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Foster Children's Bill of Rights is a statement of responsibility to ensure that Oregon Department of Human Services meet the unique needs of individuals who are Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing in their heritage language.



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Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Foster Children deserve the same chance for equal access to information and services.

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About Us :

Bridges Oregon, Inc. is a nonprofit organization serving Oregonians who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing or face other communication barriers. It is in our mission to facilitate equity and inclusiveness and to provide a bridge to opportunities through advocacy, education and communication.



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Modifies requirements of Oregon Foster Children's Bill of Rights.

Bill of Rights



Best Practice

Referral agents and professionals involved with the placement and care of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing children in foster care settings should consider best practices when selecting an appropriate foster care setting.



Attention to Risk Factors

Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing individuals are nearly twice as likely to experience trauma than individuals from the general population. (Anderson & Leigh, 2011)



Communication Access

Right to appropriate services as well as equal access to family preservation services, including access to state resources to help maintain a healthy and safe home environment

Limitation

- OR-KIDS system
- Outreach
- Centralized resources
- Accessibility



Their Rights

Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing children and their family require Oregon's Child Welfare and Foster Care services that are both linguistically and culturally accessible. These services include but are not limited to appropriate child welfare, legal, medical, psychological, educational, and mental health services.

Road Map

This Bill of Rights is intended to provide a road map for all professionals and agencies who work within the Foster Care system to ensure the appropriate provision of referral and care services to Deaf, DeafBlind, & Hard of Hearing children and their families.