

PRESENTATION FROM THE SEATTLE DEVELOPMENTAL BRIDGE PROGRAM



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Expanding evidence-based programs that improve the social, emotional, educational, physical, and mental health of children, especially those **prenatal-to-age-three** and **kindergarten readiness** services that seek to **reduce the disparities in outcomes for children and families based on race, gender, or other socioeconomic factors** and to prepare children for a strong and fair start in kindergarten

ESIT SERVICES FROM BIRTH TO AGE THREE

Early Support
for Infants and
Toddlers
(ESIT)

Programs after
age 3

BRIDGING THE GAP

A GAP WAS IDENTIFIED

- Birth-three year olds who did not qualify for Early Support services but have a developmental concern or a family member with a disability
- Children with late referrals for services (between 34-36 months)
- Children whose delays were mild/went undiagnosed until later (after 36 months)
- 3 year olds ending Early Support services and in need of short-term developmental services & help connecting to next program

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP
SEATTLE DEVELOPMENTAL BRIDGE PROGRAM



Seattle Department of
Education & Early Learning



King County

BRIDGE PROGRAM PROVIDERS:

- Northwest Center
- Wonderland Child & Family Services
- Boyer Children's Clinic

As providers of the program we offer customized, supportive services and resources and help connect families to their next step, with the ultimate goal of creating a solid foundation that will help ensure success in school and in life.

*Boyer serves as Bridge Program Host Site.

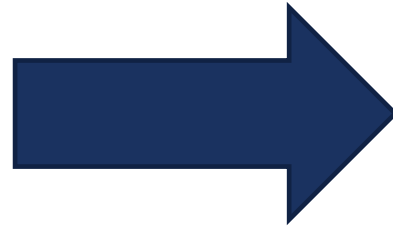


WHAT IS THE BRIDGE PROGRAM?

- Individualized services and developmental supports to meet families' immediate needs and concerns.
- Services come at no cost to families.
- Services are provided monthly and can last up to 6 months.
- Bridge services end once we have connected the child/family to their next program.

WHAT DO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RECEIVE?

Customized, supportive services



Connection to next program

To Include:

- Service Coordination/System Navigation
- Developmental screenings
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech-language Therapy
- Individualized Education and playgroups
- Resources and connection to next program

May include:

- Social Work to enhance social functioning and overall wellbeing
- Connection to Parent support groups



BRIDGE SURVEY RESPONSES

How helpful has the Bridge Program been in...	% of families who responded Very Helpful/Extremely Helpful
Giving you useful information about your child's delays or needs?	100%
Listening to you and respecting your choices?	100%
Connecting you with other services or people who can help your child and family?	100%
Talking with you about your child and family's strengths and needs?	100%
Talking with you about what you think is important for your child and family?	100%
Developing a good relationship with you and your family?	100%

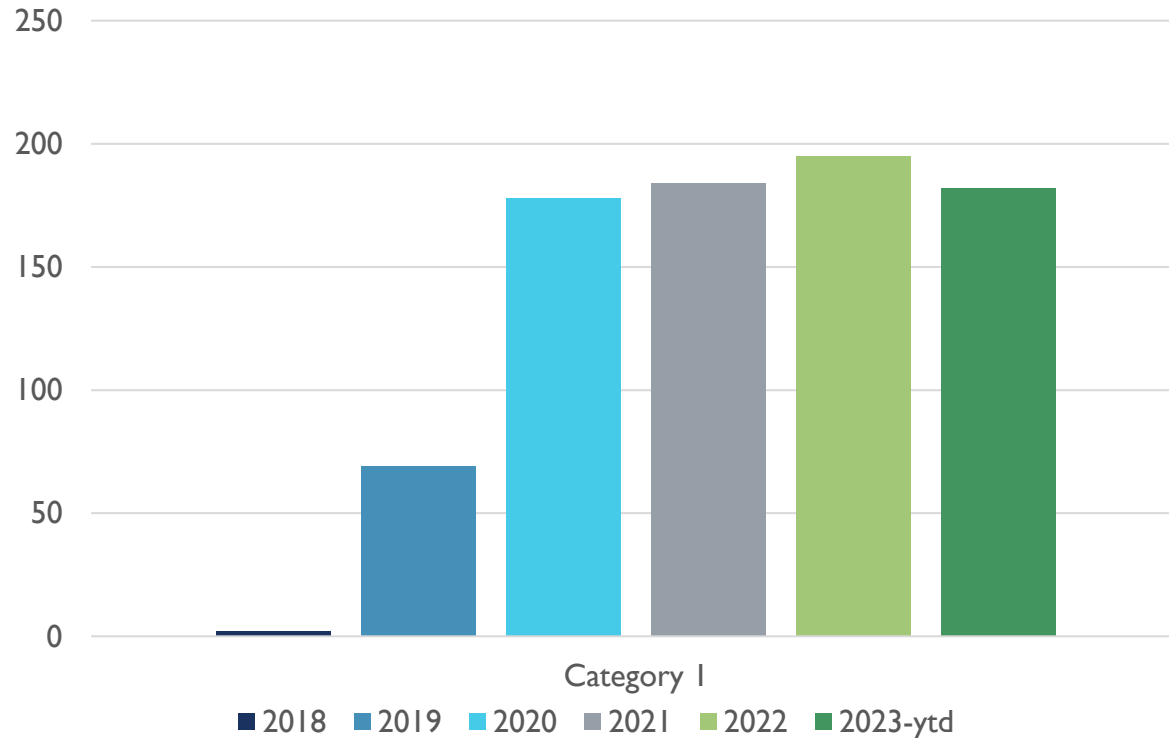
*Survey taken by Bridge families 2023

FAMILY TESTIMONIALS-EXIT SURVEY

- “You guys are amazing and supportive and you have gone above and beyond supporting me.”
- “[Ways Bridge supported family] Assisting through the transition from Northwest Center for Kids to pre-school; providing support through the assessment process.”
- “[Bridge Provider/Bridge program helped] us a lot not just in resources but also in emotional and physical support. She was always there to attend especially during my son's evaluations and it helps me a lot and I'm thankful for the support.”
- “Thank you so much for your support. The program helped us and we have seen a huge difference in [our child].”
- Thank you for helping me get the forms in, and the support while we wait. I truly appreciate the program Boyer has in place while families like mine wait for diagnosis/help.
- “Thanks for checking in ! Kimberly has given us great advice, and using suggested tools like [a] reward chart, Victor has made great improvements learning to following instructions and making better choices behavior wise.”

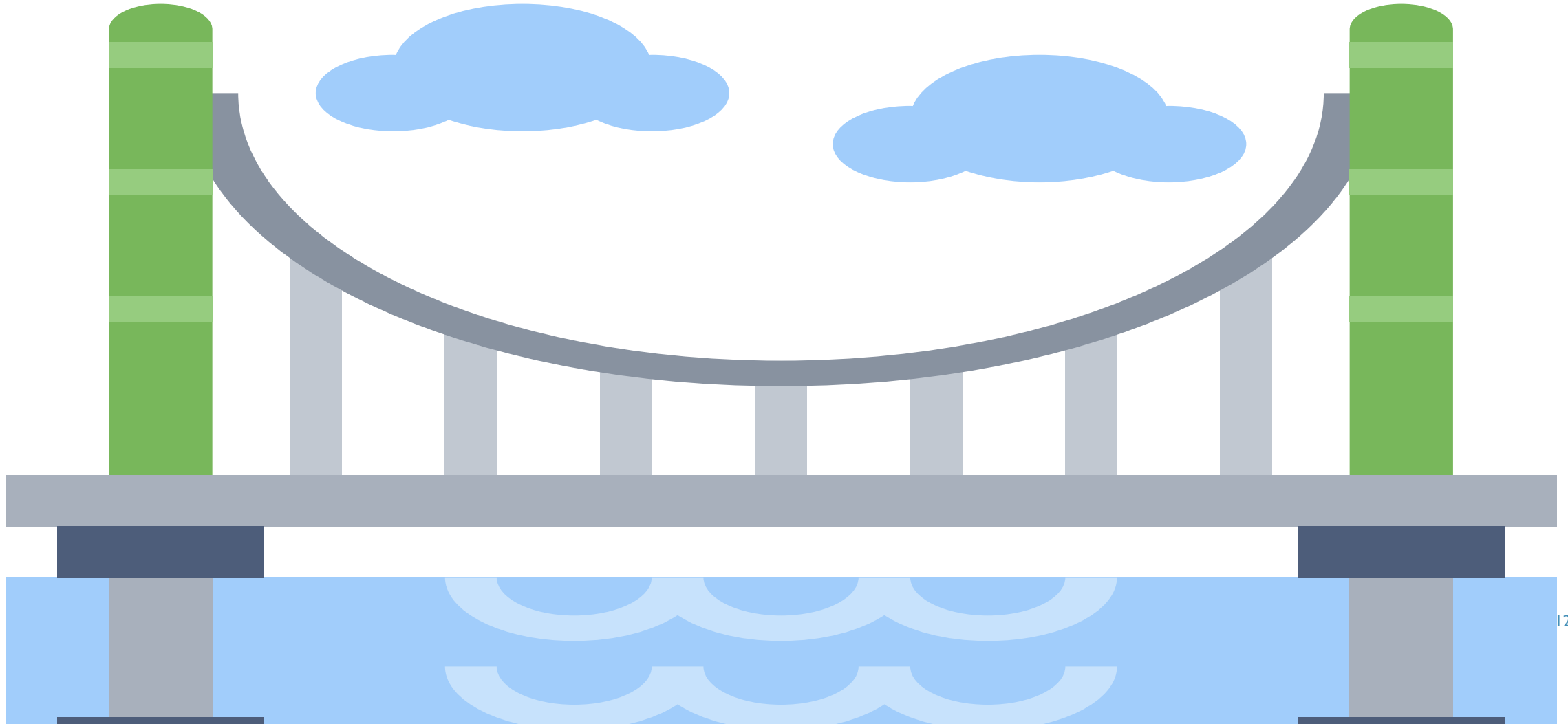
NUMBER OF CHILDREN/FAMILIES SERVED

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- 2018= 2
- 2019= 69
- 2020= 178
- 2021+ 184
- 2022+ 195
- YTD 2023= 182

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BRIDGE PROGRAM?



THANK YOU!

If you would like more information about this critical program, please contact:

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