

Implementing Building Bridges Workgroup Recommendations, AT

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Recommendation Summary Text (Short Description):

In 2007, the Legislature enacted Building Bridges legislation, SHB 1573, to address dropout prevention, intervention, and retrieval. In addition to implementing a Building Bridges local grant program, OSPI was charged with establishing a state level multi-systems work group. The Building Bridges Work Group, in turn, is required to make recommendations and report annually to the Legislature and the Governor.

Specifically, the Building Bridges Work Group is directed by statute to

- a) Identify and make recommendations for the reduction of fiscal, legal and regulatory barriers that prevent effective coordination at the state and local levels;
- b) Develop and track performance measures and benchmarks for each partner agency or organization;
- c) Identify research-based and emerging best practices regarding prevention, intervention and retrieval programs; and
- d) Report annually to the legislature and the governor, with recommendations for implementing emerging best practices, needed additional resources, and eliminating barriers.

The Building Bridges Work Group is comprised of over 90 members from diverse disciplines across the state. Committees and sub-committees of the Work Group are actively working on draft recommendations for this year's report. Those draft recommendations will be reviewed by the Work Group's steering committee in September and October. The Work Group is expected to put forward significant recommendations this year. Final recommendations will be included in their annual report due December 1st.

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