Multnomah County's 24/7 Recovery Pathways Center

Multnomah County Health Department

What to expect from the Recovery Pathways Center:

The Recovery Pathways Center will offer a needed location for law enforcement, first responders, and referral partners to make a warm handoff for individuals in critical need of deflection, sobering, withdrawal management, and medication assisted treatment services. The County is committed to undertaking this effort responsibly and in good partnership with businesses and residents in the neighborhood.

What is happening now?

In 2025, Multnomah County purchased a building at 440 SE Stephens Street. The site met key search criteria and passed suitability evaluation. It is centrally located, with good access to hospitals and public transit, and is not near a school. It is currently under construction as of Spring 2026.



What is the County planning?

While this work is under way, we have simultaneously helped to fill a critical gap in crisis services that have not existed since Portland's sobering center closed in 2019. Thirteen sobering stations were added at the interim Coordinated Care Pathway Center, which also provides deflection services. These services will transition to the permanent Recovery Pathways Center, which will provide additional capacity for law enforcement, first responders, and referral partners to divert people from jails, hospitals, or the street and toward pathways for treatment and recovery. The new permanent Center will have up to 50 stations devoted to sobering and withdrawal management, in addition to providing deflection and medication assisted treatment services.

The Recovery Pathways Center is based on a March 2024 plan that was developed by a project team convened by Commissioner Julia Brim-Edwards. The plan was updated in December 2024. The County plans to open the Recovery Pathways Center in Fall 2027. The Coordinated Care Pathway Center will remain operational until the Recovery Pathways Center opens and then will transfer services to the new location.

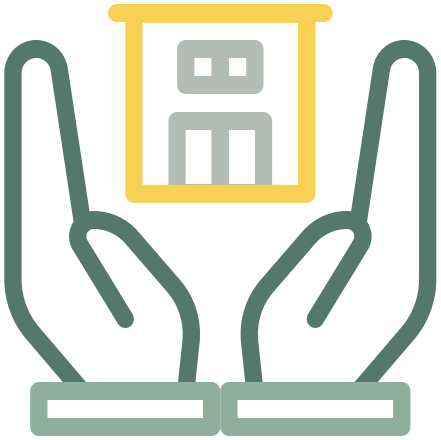
Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI) was selected in Spring of 2026 as the Recovery Pathways Center operator. Started in 1982 and based in Arizona, CBI has 40+ locations across Arizona, California, Utah, Oklahoma, Maryland, and now Oregon. They believe in a holistic and integrated approach to addiction treatment and behavioral health concerns. CBI builds passionate and dedicated teams of medical and behavioral health professionals. Many of their employees are peers who have walked similar paths to recovery.

How is the County working with neighbors?

The County is convening community members to create a Good Neighbor Agreement. Applying lessons learned from the Coordinated Care Pathway Center to improve communication with the community is important as we address any potential impacts around public safety, encampments, graffiti, and other livability issues. Information is provided through community group outreach, contact list emails, targeted social media, and web updates.

How can community members learn more and participate?

Project updates are posted on the website: multco.us/info/sobering-center. If you would like to receive official project communications and updates, fill out the form on the website which provides the County with your contact information. We also have regular meetings with the Central Eastside Industrial Council, Hosferd-Abernethy Neighborhood Association, and other groups.



A Good Neighbor Advisory Committee will be formed to collaboratively establish the Good Neighbor Agreement prior to the facility opening. Additionally, providers, peers, hospital systems, law enforcement, first responders, and other collaborators will be engaged to share operational and program details, as well as how the facility will address community safety priorities and fill gaps in the behavioral health continuum of care. Post opening, the County, CBI, partners, and the community will continue to work together to implement the Good Neighbor Agreement.

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