

Office Closures

December 24th-25th, 2024

January 1st, 2025

January 20th, 2025

February 17th, 2025

BEHAVIOR BRIDGES

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2024



SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

From our homes to yours, we wish you happy holidays and a beautiful New Year. I'd like to thank you for all that you do, and for allowing Behavior Bridges to support you this year. We continue to be committed to providing quality services that support your lives. We couldn't do any of this without our shared community commitment towards progress and increasing resources for autism and related developmental disabilities.

May 2025 bring you joy, peace and love.

Best, Laura O'Rourke

GROUP CHANGES

Since 2022, we have had the amazing opportunity to serve our community through social groups, social skill courses, and caregiver trainings, all of which have been fully funded by Pierce County Behavioral Health Tax. This has resulted in thousands of extraordinary individuals taking part in these programs. We have been beyond thankful to the families, community members, and partners we have grown to know through this experience. While the world continues to turn and change, we are committed to finding unique and creative ways to maintain these wonderful programs at low or no cost to the community. Our goal, as it always has been, is to be accessible and provide sustainable, quality services for all who need it.

Starting in January 2025, we will continue to offer many of our exceptional services at no cost to our participants, such as monthly hangout groups for all ages, some of our PEERS programs, as well as select caregiver trainings. In addition to these programs, we are excited to share some upcoming additions to enhance the equitability and opportunity for individuals to access services. Thanks to pilots such as our Youth Friendship Course and Dungeons & Dragons, we will now be offering these and a variety of NEW skill building groups as a fee-for-service option. Multiple funding options are available to access these new groups, including private pay, scholarships and in some cases, ABA coverage.

We want to thank everyone who has participated in this adventure with us, and promise to continue to advocate for the needs of our community, and continue to prioritize free and equitable accessibility for those who cannot otherwise receive adequate services in their community. If you are in need of alternative payment & funding options, these are available. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us!



WINTER ACTIVITIES

[Christmas at the Farm](#)

[Kids Holiday Cookie Decorating](#)

[ICE Lights](#)

[Holiday Magic](#)

[Fantasy Lights](#)

[Zoo Lights](#)

[Fantasy Lights](#)

[Tacoma Little Theatre](#)

[Children's Museum of Tacoma](#)

[Puyallup Public Library Events](#)

Grab a 15% Discount by using our Behavior Bridges code!



Lifespan Respite WA offers support in the form of a voucher (financial award) for unpaid caregivers who support a family member, friend, or neighbor who has a special need or condition. The voucher is used to pay for services or programs that allow the caregiver to have respite, or "short breaks", like Behavior Bridges' groups!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Sessions/groups may need to be delayed or cancelled due to snow or icy conditions. Please refer to our inclement weather policy in the client handbook. Basic rule, if school buildings are closed, so are we.