

## History

In 2010, community members revisited what would be the best way to prevent juvenile crime. They identified three top risk factors:

- Poor family functioning
- Unsupervised youth
- Youth substance abuse

The community agreed that at-risk youth behavior (e.g., failure in school, anti-social behavior, substance abuse and more), tends to begin in the middle-school years. With this knowledge, a new Deschutes County program, **Resource Connection** was launched to address this group of youth in a unique way.

## What does “at-risk” mean?

**Research is clear.** Young people who commit an offense have risks in at least one of the following areas:

- Antisocial behavior
- Poor family functioning
- Failure in school
- Substance abuse problems
- Negative peer associations
- Favorable attitude on crime

**Resource Connection** accepts agency referrals for youth ages 10 to 14, with **at least two** of the above risks for professional assessment and appropriate service referrals.

## More information...

For a referral form or to get more information about **Resource Connection**, please contact **Mary Fleischmann**.

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## Resource Connection

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# Resource Connection



An information and referral system for working with at-risk youth, ages 10 to 14.



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## How the program works...

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A youth age 10 to 14, who is demonstrating crime risks can be referred to **Resource Connection**, after consultation with a parent or caregiver.

Referrals are accepted by families, school officials, law enforcement or other service agencies that work with youth in the community.

## A ssess

The **Resource Connection** program coordinator reviews a youth's referral information and then contacts the youth and their family to establish connections with local community resources.

Youth displaying elevated risks are fully assessed using the Juvenile Crime Prevention risk assessment.

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Youth are referred to local services that address their individual risks and protective factors. The level of risk present, determines the intensity of service coordination and case management that is offered.

Service referrals include, but are not limited to the following resources:

- Parenting classes
- Structured, recreational opportunities (e.g., park and recreation; individual and group sporting activities)
- Drug and alcohol services
- Behavioral health services

*"This program is very helpful. I haven't raised a 14-year old before, so I didn't know what to do."*

—Resource Connection participant



Limited funding is available to assist eligible youth access local resources when personal finances are insufficient.