

Building Bridges

(Residential Treatment Program)

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NATSAP Member Since: 2002	 Airport: Missoula, MT (MSO), Spokane, WA (GEG)

At Building Bridges, we believe the natural environment is an unparalleled teacher, bringing into perspective each student's strengths and shortcomings. Building Bridges is a long-term residential program that teaches students the basics of accountability and responsibility in a nurturing family setting.

By addressing our students' behaviors and feelings and having them reevaluate family interaction and priorities, we assist teens in the process of moving back into their families.

Building Bridges is an all male program for students ages 14 to 18. Typically, our students are young people experiencing low self-esteem, wavering self-confidence, poor relations and communications with family. They may have experimented with drugs or have an extensive drug use history.

Building Bridges has three complementary programs; Summer, Intermediate and Residential. We provide a group experience providing students a base regarding how they deal with others in their families and the world as a whole. Our Director is state and nationally certified in Chemical Dependency and has years of experience in family work. Students have a highly structured day, yet attempts at placing them in as "normal" social situations as possible to provide real life choices is our goal. This integration with the public allows the student to grow emotionally at a far faster rate and better prepares them for life after Building Bridges.

Individual Psychotherapy Available: Yes

Accreditation, Licensure: Montana, Board of Private Alternative Adolescent Resident or Outdoor Programs

Professional Affiliations: NATSAP-Full Member; Independent Small Program Alliance (ISPA)