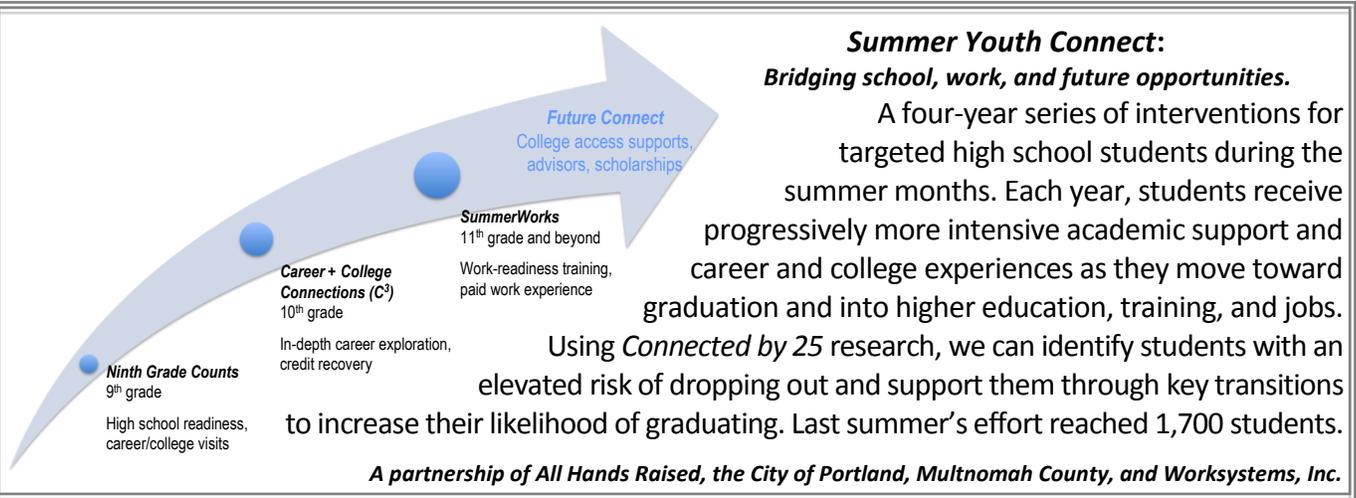




Summer Youth Connect

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Ninth Grade Counts

An initiative of All Hands Raised

Connects students with the academic support and life experiences to start high school on the right track. Launched from the work of *Connected by 25*, *Ninth Grade Counts* represents a network of summer transition programs working together to target at-risk incoming 9th graders with academic support, high school readiness skills, and career/college exposure. The *Connected by 25* research identified the 9th grade transition as a critical time for students at risk of dropping out.

Career & College Tours

Students participate in field trips one day per week. Career sites are selected from among six career pathways, and a variety of post-secondary options are included -- universities, community colleges, and trade/technical schools.

On average students will visit 4 career sites and 3 colleges/post-secondary programs.

Career Coaches

All students are accompanied on these visits by a consistent set of 3-4 trained adult volunteers to help them navigate their summer experience and how it relates to their future plans.

How can you get involved?

Host a 2-hour site visit for 30-40 students to include:

- An overview of your program and the careers that your graduates pursue
- An engaging activity typical of students entering your program
- An opportunity to interact with current students and teachers
- A tour of your location

College tours will occur on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (July through mid-August)

With your help, 1,000 academic-priority, incoming 9th graders will receive services this summer.