

Education Cabinet

City of Portland/Multnomah County

Overview and History

July 2010





Why the Cabinet?



- Current Graduation Rates
- Community and Economic Impact
- Research from Connected by 25 showed we “know who those students are”
- Strength of political will and action



Cabinet Goals

by 2013....



- Increase high school graduation rates by 50%
- Double the # of high school graduates who go on to post-secondary education and training



Four Primary Education Strategies



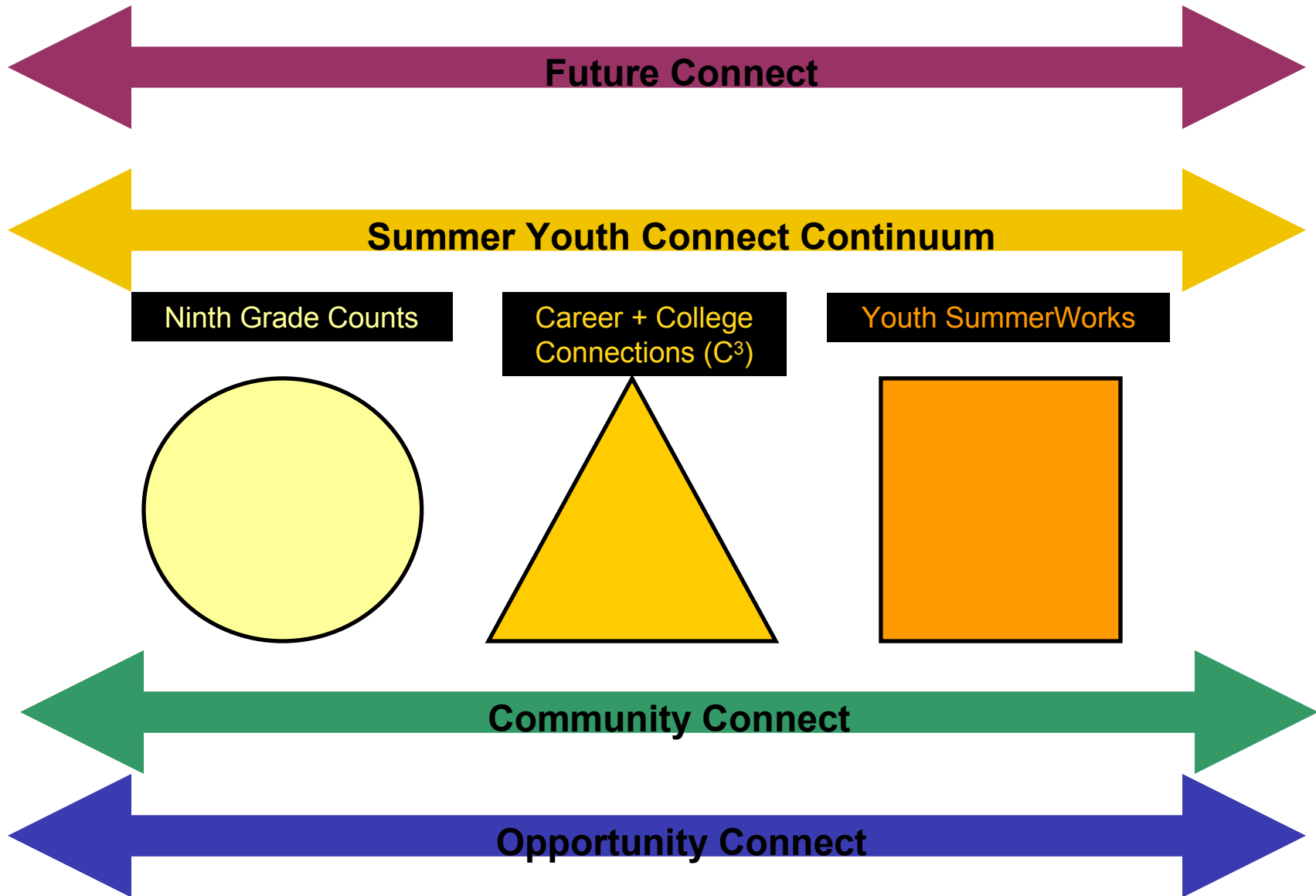
Summer Youth Connect: A continuum of services that connect youth to academic support, career and college opportunities over the summer time.

Future Connect Scholars: Helping academic priority youth access post-secondary opportunities and support at local high schools and community colleges.

Opportunity Connect: Enhancing youth opportunities to connect to social service, academic and health supports through SUN system and other extended day programs and providers.

Community Connect: Building caring relationships with youth through support from families, communities and educators.

2010 Cabinet Strategies



Future Connect 2010

- Finalize scholarship fund details
- Develop partnerships to support FAFSA application through tax preparation sites
- Develop partnerships & resources to increase participation in Financial Aid Days by low income students
- Build additional relationships and partnerships to raise scholarship match
- Investment of \$500,000 in city resources to support post-secondary access and pipelines to living wage jobs.

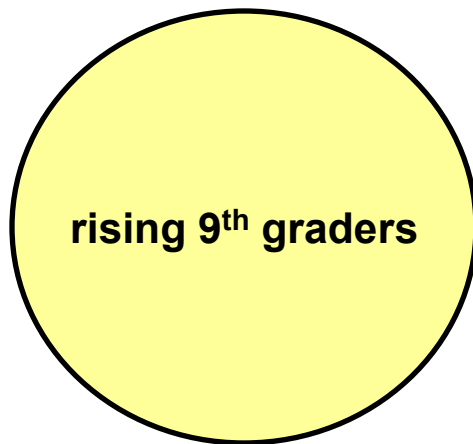


Summer Youth Connect Continuum

Year One (2009) - Serving 1600 youth



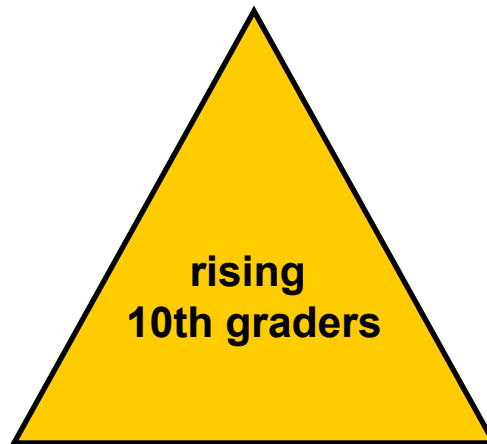
Ninth Grade Counts



Coordinated by
Portland Schools
Foundation

Serving 773 youth

Youth Corps



Managed by City of
Portland

Serving 35 youth

Youth SummerWorks



Managed by
WorkSystems Inc.

Serving 844 youth

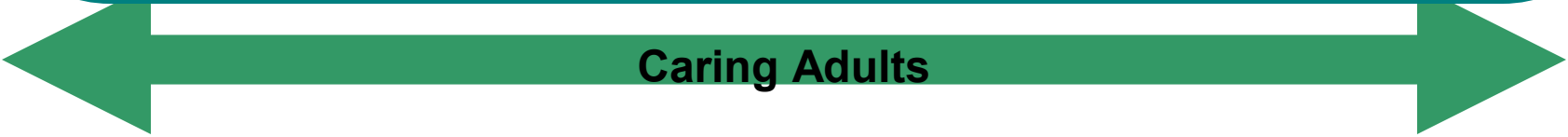
Community Connect 2010

Family Engagement

- Listening sessions with families
- Expansion of CPPS conference to East County
- Develop partnerships to provide financial literacy support to parents

Increasing support of caring adults at high needs high schools

- Create increased volunteer coordination & support at schools
- Develop & implement new partnerships with higher education, business and faith communities
- Identify resources for centralized contact & referral point
- Develop tools to assess common interests help match adults & youth



Caring Adults

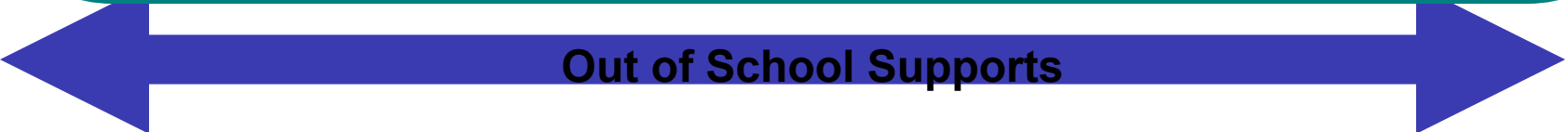
Opportunity Connect 2010

Enhance & Expand SUN Service System

- Enhance existing SUN Community School high school sites
- Expand SUN Community Schools to additional high-need high schools

Align Resources to Increase Capacity & Placement of Volunteers

- Pursue partnership with AmeriCorps host organizations & match to place an AC member at every SUN CS high school
- Convene higher education partners & pursue systemic approaches
- Identify current effective partnerships with faith community & replicate



Out of School Supports



Additional Points of Action



Drop Out Inventory

- Programs, Investments and Participation

Youth Asset Map

- low-income youth population (14-24)
- proximity/ access to youth resources that target their age group
- density of youth resources
- access to basic living needs
- School proximity to resources

Education Summit

- Bringing the community together to discuss Education issues and work towards solutions as a community.



Year 1 Highlights



- **\$550,000** NGC in-kind
- **\$20,000** Meyer Memorial Trust for strategy evaluation
- **\$50,000** Worksystems Inc. for inventory by Eco Northwest
- **\$150,000** Luis Palau Association to support drop out prevention activity and summer strategies
- Leveraged bus passes for **800** participants
- On going involvement of young people through Multnomah Youth Commission