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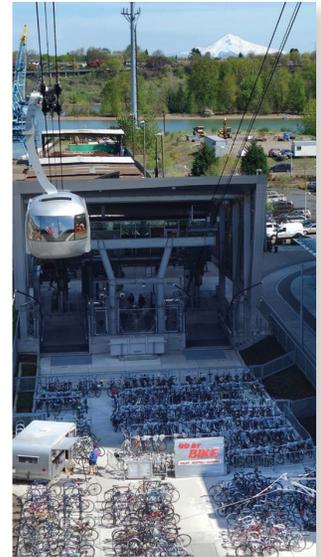
ABCD Site Highlight

Oregon Health & Science University

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) began enrolling families in the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study in November 2016. OHSU is based in Portland and is the only academic health center in Oregon. The OHSU ABCD Study team brings together three laboratories at OHSU, where the focus has been studying brain development to ultimately improve the well-being of youth.

Led by Drs. Bonnie Nagel, Sarah Feldstein Ewing, and Damien Fair, the OHSU ABCD team has enrolled 360 families across six school districts thus far. Our dedicated and energetic team focuses on building positive relationships with families, getting kids excited about brain science, and helping them feel safe and comfortable during their visits. Kids earn stretchy wrist bands as they complete activities and trade them in at the end of the day for fun prizes of their choosing. We also take basketball breaks to promote physical activity. Our team is enjoying welcoming new families to the study and our enrolled families back for their annual visits!

ABCD families can ride the Portland Aerial Tram, the nation's only aerial commuter tram (see photo) to and from their visits! OHSU oversees operation of the tram. At its base is the most transportation-diverse intersection in the country, including a pedestrian bridge, a streetcar, a cycle track, a shipyard, and parking for cars, buses, shuttles, and even bikes! We hope our families enjoy their ABCD visits and we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2018. Happy New Year from the OHSU ABCD Team!



Members of the OHSU ABCD team, with six research associates, six magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) data scientists, and our three principal investigators: Bottom row (left to right): Jessye Lavine, Ally Chiapuzio, Ellie Sceeles, Jessica Patching-Bunch, and Philip Robinson. Middle row (left to right): Dr. Bonnie Nagel, Ana Howard, Dr. Oscar Miranda-Dominguez, Emma Schifsky, and Rachel Klein. Back row (left to right): Anders Perrone, Dr. Sarah Feldstein Ewing, Dr. Damien Fair, Rachel Flaherty, and Eric Earl.

