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**The North Portland Clinic embraces its urban context, reaching out to underserved**

**populations within its diverse neighborhood. Through massing, transparency and integrated artwork, the clinic visually engages local residents and enhances community identity. It has been a catalyst for revitalization along a public transportation corridor that has recently bisected the neighborhood.**

Located on the mass-transit MAX line in Portland's urban core, the building engages the busy streetscape to reinforce visual connection and invite the community inside. An upturned butterfly roof creates the frame for an expansive wall of windows. The interior is divided into three day-lit clinical pods faced with integrated murals that can be viewed by patients and families within the clinic, as well as those passing by. Created by a local artist, these prominent murals tell the story of this community and its residents, expressing a commitment to the neighborhood and its vibrant history.

The design heals a brownfield site condition, while providing a transition between the high volume street and the residential neighborhood beyond. By reinforcing connections with the neighborhood, the clinic supports revitalization efforts in the area while making community health services more transparent and accessible.



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