



# 2014 COMMUNITY REPORT – 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD CHAIR

*Looking back on the past year, we see great cause to celebrate; hundreds of youth received support and services as we “meet youth where they are.” With this report we look to provide you with a “view from the street” through a look at our work in 2014.*

*The new name has been a success, providing us with a broader reach, and a better representative name for our organization.*

*With the addition, over the past year we have continued to adapt our services to meet the needs of the youth we serve. The addition of the individual Youth Engagement Worker program, we have been able to be a resource for even more youth in need of support and services as funding permits. Over three years the program has served over 80 youth. We hope to continue to offer the program.*

*Unfortunately, with funding challenges, we were forced to discontinue our bus program in the Langley’s. Although successful, without operational funding we could no longer offer the services. We will continue to focus on building the base in the Tri-Cities.*

*ACCESS is continually amazed at the resilience and courage of youth in the face of adversity, and the limited and/or gap in resources available to them. We are proud to fill a small part of that gap.*

*We continue to ‘listen’ to what youth are asking for, and respond with the resources we have.*

*ACCESS Youth Outreach Services Society plays an irreplaceable role in the lives of youth in the Tri-Cities.*

*Our commitment is to continue providing the kind of services that our youth need and the communities can be proud to support.*

Jerome Bouvier, M.A.  
Executive Director

Mary Michaels  
Board Chair



## The Latest Trends on the Street

Through Project Reach Out, and our Individual Youth Engagement Worker, we have been able to identify the latest trends and challenges on the street. As well as the barriers at-risk youth face and the percentage of youth we serve in each barrier category.

### Trends and Challenges

- **Increase in youth accessing outreach services**
- Increase in youth accessing youth engagement worker
- Youth accessing the YEW program need more ongoing support.
- Poly-drug use (alcohol & energy drinks, marijuana, cigarettes, ecstasy, etc.)
- Increase in mental health issues (anxiety, depression, anger)
- Increase in youth attending Raves
- Shortage of short-term housing (emergency shelter)
- Youth accessing social media platform KIK

### Barriers Youth Face:

The percentages below reflect the barriers youth the YEW program serves. *Environmental & Emotional.*

- **Low Risk:** no drug use, in school, bored, susceptible to mid & many (7%)
- **Mid Risk:** single parent family, low home support, potentially homeless, periodic school, social/recreational drug use, sexually active (40%)
- **High Risk:** street entrenched, mental health issues, full time drug use (+4x/week), homeless, family drug use, sexually exploited, high risk sexual behavior, involved in crime/vandalism (53%)

*There are 500 youth on the streets on any given night.*



“It takes a whole village to raise a child. However, we have come to discover it takes the troubles of youth to raise a village. Hear them and they will guide us.”  
– Jerome Bouvier

## ACCESS SUCCESSES:

1. **Project Reach Out "Buses" connected with over 4000 street involved youth** in the Tri-Cities & Langleys.  
100 Youth surveyed responded:

**As a result of being involved with the bus program...**

- ✓ 47% avoid drug use
- ✓ 38% reduced drug use
- ✓ 40% attend school more often
- ✓ 32% avoid vandalism and crime
- ✓ 52% feel safer in the community
- ✓ 51% feel more accepted
- ✓ 98 % feel the bus program is valuable to community

## STORY'S / TESTIMONIALS FROM THE STREET:

*"To follow up on Saturday's incident of the 14 year old who overdosed, the young lady's father arrived as did the ambulance. A staff went with the youth in the ambulance as dad followed behind. We were able to obtain the fathers phone number for a follow up phone call to make sure she is ok. We were all glad we decided to check out the school that night. The doctor said another half hour and she may have not made it."*- Staff

*"I appreciated the opportunity for the ride along. The team was wonderful and so committed. We need more support for our youth and it is always a lack of funding, and prioritizing, that limits it."*-Coquitlam City Councillor, Bonita Zarrillo

2. **Youth Engagement Worker** program (YEW) **served 25 youth** over a 12 month period.

**Participant Report (15 surveys):** (Agree/strongly agree)

- ✓ 100% value the support from the engagement worker
- ✓ 62% attend school more often
- ✓ 100% have increased knowledge of community resources
- ✓ 40% reduced substance use
- ✓ 80% feel better about themselves

**Stakeholder Surveys (8 surveys):** (agree/strongly agree)

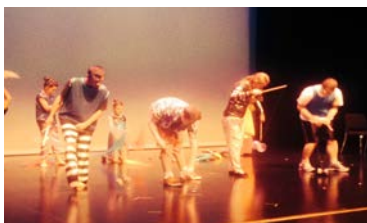
- ✓ 80% value the engagement worker program
- ✓ 100% are satisfied with the quality of service
- ✓ 100% value that the program is a bridge to youth we serve
- ✓ 100% value that the program operates after-hours
- ✓ 100% appreciate the programs flexibility.

## Testimonials:

- I learned to deal with stuff better and talk about my problems without getting angry.
- I gained more confidence in myself and around my peers.
- I followed my goals and managed to achieve them because I had help and encouragement.
- I've learned there are people out there that DO care about youth and I feel more confident.

3. **School & after-school programs:**

ACRiX: Performing at Coquitlam Foundation awards event.



## PROGRAMS

### PROJECT REACH OUT:

Our signature outreach teen bus has continued to be a safe and trusted resource for street involved youth.

- Tri-Cities: 2200 Contacts
- Langley: 1900 Contacts

### YOUTH ENGAGEMENT WORKER:

The YEW program has become an instant success, providing a youth engagement worker for youth needing individualized support. Referrals are open to youth aged 12-23.

Youth Served: 35

### AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

ACRiX: A previous program of ACCESS, we now partner with The Movement Therapy Group. ACCESS provides the youth worker support to ACRiX participants. ACRiX has continued to be a great after school program.

*Funded by Westminster Savings Foundation.*

Youth Served: 64

### SCHOOL PROGRAM:

iC.A.R.E. is a program that was designed to address bullying by focusing on Compassion, Acceptance, Respect & Empathy. It has received amazing attention for its focus on "what we want, not what we don't want." We look at changing the way we look at addressing this issue, giving power to words like compassion and kindness, rather than bullying.

Available to any school district for middle and high school students.





### 2014 EVENTS

#### Dine Out 4 Youth: May 1-7<sup>th</sup> (Youth Week)

Our second year for Dine Out 4 Youth was a HUGE success. We are proud to have so many local restaurants come on board to make is such a success by raising over \$5000. In 2015, we will be targeting more restaurants in an effort to expand our reach. Stay tuned for more info to follow.

**Move That Bus Campaign:** We implemented our coin can initiative where we placed cans in various businesses for a two-month period. There is also an opportunity to give ongoing support through donating \$20 a month (see below).

**Community Events:** Access attended May Day parade, Canada Day, Teddy Bear Parade, Volunteer festivals (Surrey, SFU, Coquitlam), Langley parade, and others.

**An Evening of Inspiration Gala:** Thank you to ALL who attended our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event, and to our special speakers, entertainment and sponsors.

**SUCCESSFULLY RAISING OVER \$35,000**

**SAVE THE DATE: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual- Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ Hard Rock Casino Vancouver. HOST: Deborra Hope**

**3rd ANNUAL An Evening of Inspiration Gala**

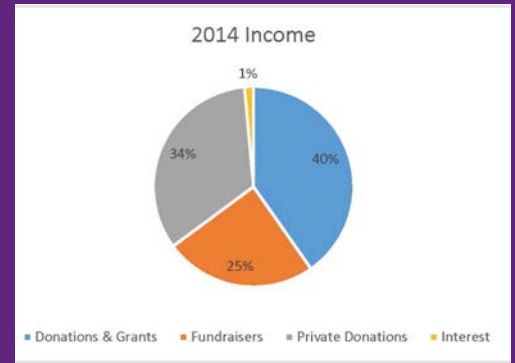
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### FINANCIALS

Receiving NO ongoing funding, ACCESS relies solely on grants, donations and fundraisers to deliver our programs. We are proud of working hard to continue to deliver our programs.

#### REVENUE



#### EXPENSES



#### Gala Girls

Paige Morris, Host-Kaitlyn Herbst, Tracey Stewart



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We would like to thank Gregory & Associates, and BTM Lawyers. David and Shadrin's team continue to be invaluable resource's to ACCESS.



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*We sincerely thank everyone who supported ACCESS in 2014 with in kind donations and financial assistance. We would not be able to be out on the streets without the support of our community.*

*Thank  
you*

## HELP MOVE THAT BUS!!!!

For about .66c a day (\$20 a month) you can provide local teens with:

- ✓ Contact to an outreach worker | counselling
- ✓ Drug & Sexual health education
- ✓ Basic needs (cloths, food, hygiene products)
- ✓ Positive passes, and  
A safe place after hours

YOU can help create a more sustainable future for our much needed outreach programs. This type of support is invaluable to our long-term future. Go to ACCESS's web site [www.accessyouth.org](http://www.accessyouth.org) to donate.