

YOUTH MATTER.

Sometimes we forget how difficult it is to be a youth today.

ACCESS Youth Outreach Services was created to respond to the growing need for after-hours services for street-involved and at-risk youth aged 12-23.

We have British Columbia's first mobile youth outreach program and other programs with proven success in supporting at-risk youth.

Our goal is to help youth see and realize their potential in a safe, judgment-free way through our innovative programs.

2013: Finalist-Not-For-Profit Of The Year

2011: Not-For-Profit Of The Year

2009: Creating a Safe Community Award

2008: Community Safety & Crime Prevention Award

We get it. And we're here to help.



MEETING YOUTH WHERE THEY ARE

REACHING YOUTH

Our programs are designed to “meet youth where they are” and provide them with the tools and support they need to succeed.

PROJECT REACH OUT – “THE BUS”

You may have seen our buses driving around town on Friday and Saturday nights 7 – 12 PM. Our **signature program**, Project ReachOut, is the first multi-service mobile drop-in centre and outreach program in British Columbia. Our team of qualified and dedicated outreach workers drive after-hours to areas of the community where teens naturally gather. We provide a variety of services and supports to them, along with a safe place to access.

Our goal is to establish consistent, honest, and open relationships. By creating positive connections with youth, trust and acceptance are built and this becomes the catalyst for positive change.

ACCESS serves youth aged 12-23 in the Tri-Cities region.

For more information, or learn how you can be involved with ACCESS, visit our website at www.accessyouth.org or admin@accessyouth.org.



PROGRAMS

Given the diverse nature of youth, ACCESS developed our own innovative programs which we feel address the needs that youth bring forward. These are based on best practices, youth input and needs (e.g. Theatre, talking circles, job skills etc.).

- YOUTH ENGAGEMENT WORKER (YEW).

The Youth Engagement Worker program provides one-to-one ongoing direct and indirect support, advocacy, and assists youth in accessing community supports and resources. A low barriered program, referrals are open to youth aged 12-23.

- MALL-BASED OUTREACH:

This program is in partnership with Coquitlam Centre, where ACCESS provides 2 outreach workers in the mall every Thursday & Friday from 3pm to 8pm (flexible). They are there to connect with youth and provide any support and referrals they can.

- AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

ACCESS offers after-school programs based on need and interest of the youth we serve. We often survey youth to ask what programs they would like to see in place. Programs range from theatre, art, job skills, to joining our Youth Action Team.

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