

**SUMMARY of Master's Thesis Research Project  
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**In 2007, PoCoMo Youth Services Society conducted a study facilitated by Jerome Bouvier. The study was for Jerome's master's thesis research and focused on PoCoMo's innovative mobile drop-in centre and outreach program.**

**MOBILE OUTREACH: A MODEL FOR SERVING AT-RISK YOUTH**

**Research Question:** How can mobile outreach best serve at-risk youth?

**ANONYMOUS SURVEY (50 youth surveyed)**

**60% Male**

**40% Female**

**27% 14 Years old**

**27% 15 Years old**

**60% from Port Coquitlam**

**13% 16 Years old**

**13% from Coquitlam**

**27% 17 Years old**

**27% from Port Moody**

**6% 18 Years old**

**The anonymous survey involved youth who have had regular contact with the Reach Out program. The result was:**

5-point scale- strongly disagree, disagree, same, agree, strongly agree. (The percentages reflect the combining of agree and strongly agree)

**Question: As a result of my involvement with the youth bus program...**

**I feel more connected to my community**

27% felt a stronger sense of connection to community;

**My attitude toward the future is improved**

67% of youth developed a more positive attitude towards their future;

**I have greater success in school**

46.7% have greater success in school;

**The bus staff understands me**

80% say the staff understands them;

**The program is needed in the community**

93% affirmed that the bus program is needed in the community;

**My drug use has decreased**

47% said their drug use had decreased;

**I have a clearer sense of purpose**

55% had a clearer sense of purpose;

**I trust community resources more**

66.7% trust community resources more;

**Its important that the services the bus offers are mobile**

86.7% agree the services the bus provides should be mobile.