YTAP:
Transit Access
for Youth in HighRisk Situations



Youth who depend on public transit may have no or limited means to pay transit fare.

Tickets for fare evasion are \$250, and fines can accrue.



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- Improve access to public transit
- Reduce fare evasion tickets
- Increase inclusion, safety and stability

- Improve relationships between youth and transit authorities
- ➤ Increase
 understanding of
 impact of transit
 access



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Living/Staying:

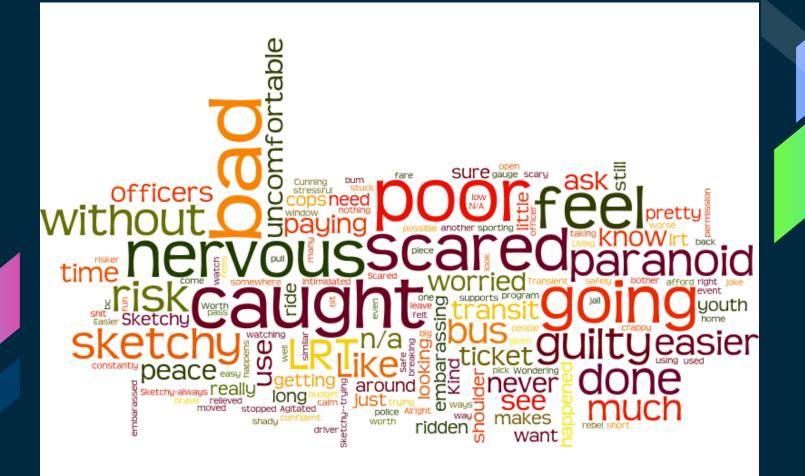
- 32% with immediate family
- > 26% in shelters
- > 15% with friends
- > 88% identified having insecure or inadequate housing

School:

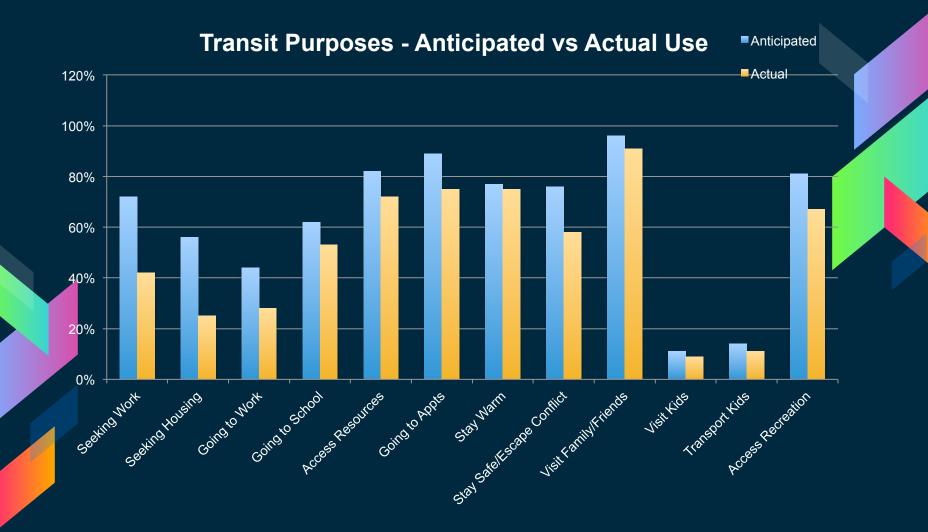
> 48% of youth

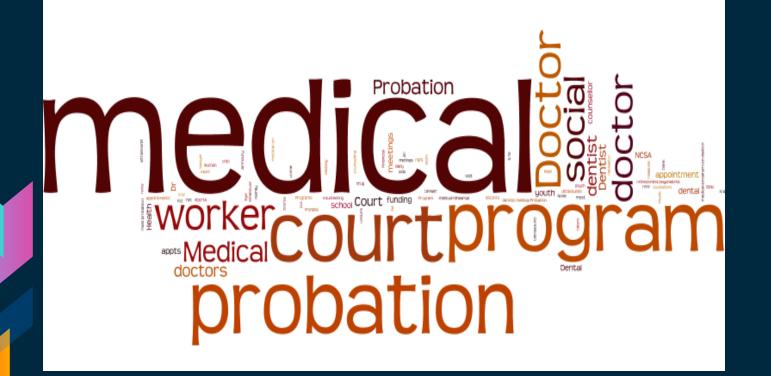
Employment or Program:

> 21% of youth



I don't like asking [the bus driver] for rides because people sitting in the front judge me. I don't like feeling homeless.





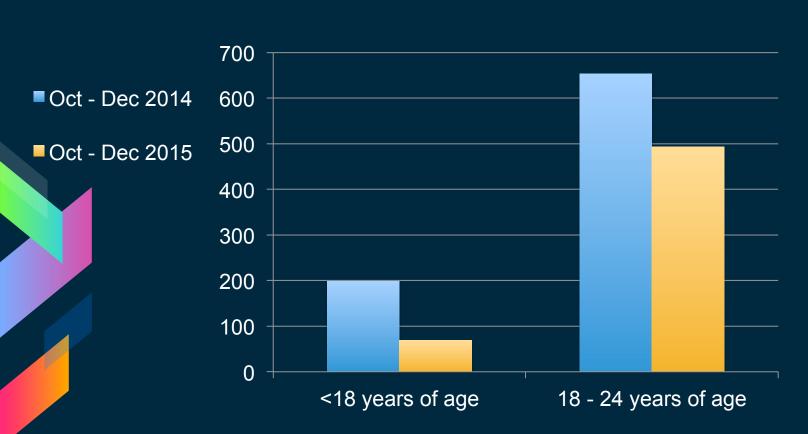
I don't have to support two people's transit needs on minimum wage. It adds up fast. I've been going visiting more, and don't have to call in sick to work.







ETS Fare Evasion Tickets



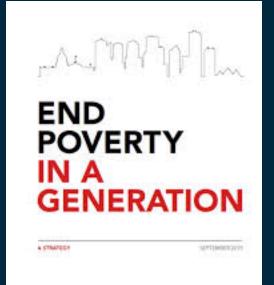
Ticket Review

ETS can internally review tickets, but they must be contacted **before** the matter goes to court.

Outcomes Measured

- Youth avoid fare evasion fine and negative contact with the legal/ justice system
- Youth movements are less restricted
- Youth increase their sense of safety
- Agencies increase their capacity to support other youth with bus tickets









Shared experiences

Shared learning



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