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**What Do Kids Need to Get Around Town?
Survey Aims to Find Out**

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Fort Collins, CO—This week a random sample of 5,000 homes within Poudre School District (PSD) boundaries will receive a survey in the mail from YoGo or “Youth on the Go.” The survey asks parents if they need help getting their kids to and from safe non-school hour activities, and if so, what that help might consist of. People who return the survey by October 31st can choose to have their names entered into a drawing for free gas, compliments of Schrader Oil Company. However, all survey responses will be kept confidential.

YoGo is a collaborative community committee with representation from PSD, the City of Fort Collins and various youth-serving agencies in Fort Collins, such as the Boys & Girls Club and B.A.S.E. Camp. The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County convened the group of stakeholders who are focused on ensuring all youth within PSD boundaries have access to and from safe places when they are not in school.

“We want to know whether lack of transportation prevents access to and/or involvement in after-school programs in our community,” says Sam Jack, operations director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County. “We’ve already done research on how some other communities across the nation transport their youth and we’ve looked at a variety of funding models. Now we want to know what our community says its needs are.”

YoGo will use survey data to develop a proposal for establishing a youth transportation system that meets those needs, and will present it to potential managers and funders from public and private sectors. Survey results should be available by the end of November.

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The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County is an alliance of nonprofit, education, health, business, government and citizen leaders who collaboratively identify, develop and implement strategies to improve the health and well-being of county residents. Established in 1994 and located in Fort Collins, Colorado, HCC’s special focus since 2002 has been on improving the lives of our youth.