

DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT, INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS

INITIAL DATA FROM THE EDUCATION FIRST YOUTH FOYER EVALUATION

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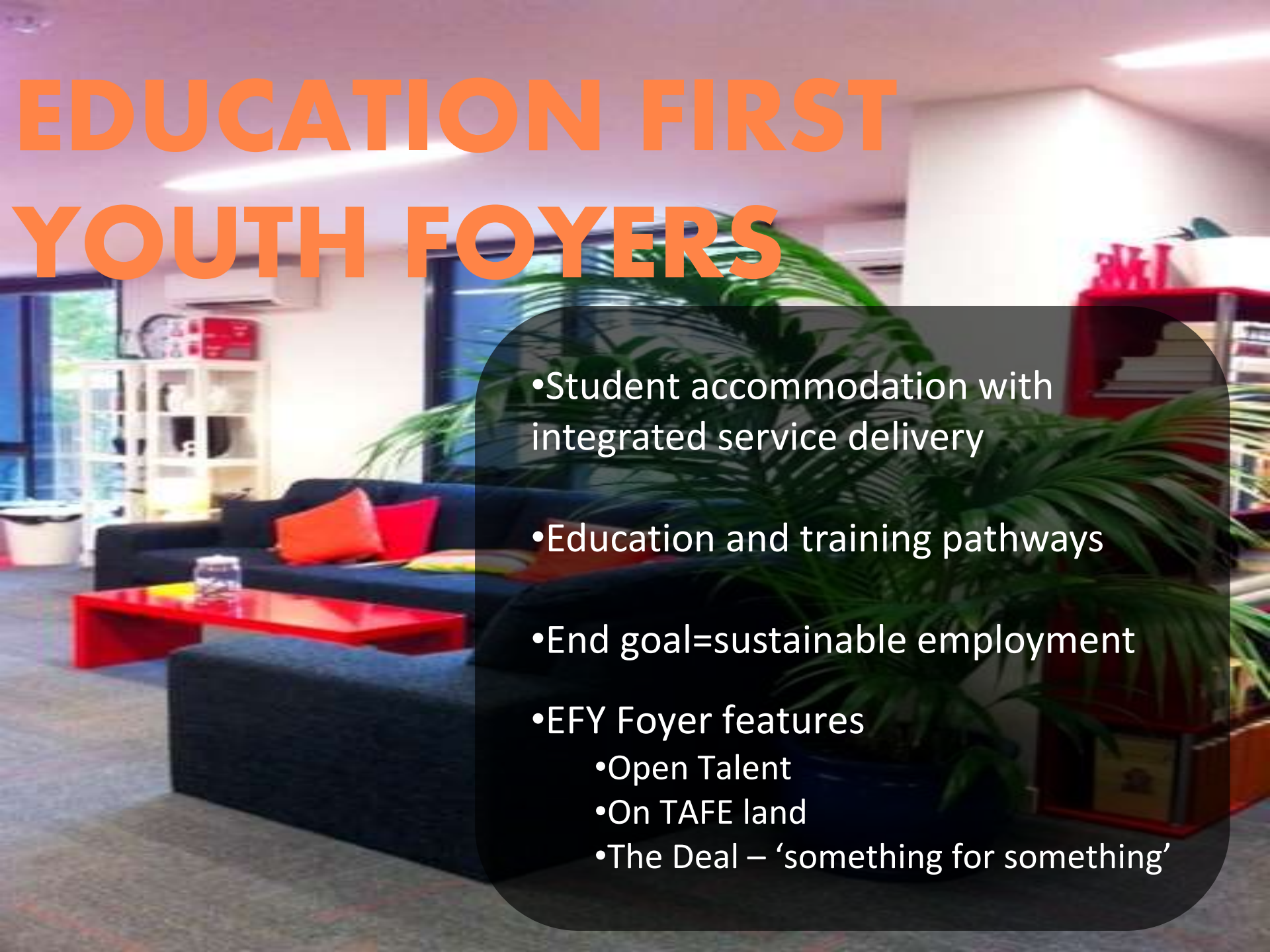
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HOUSING - SUPPORT - RESEARCH

OVERVIEW

- Education First Youth Foyers (EFYF)
- Evaluation (survey)
- Findings-example using social connections
- Future directions





EDUCATION FIRST YOUTH FOYERS

- Student accommodation with integrated service delivery
- Education and training pathways
- End goal=sustainable employment
- EFY Foyer features
  - Open Talent
  - On TAFE land
  - The Deal – ‘something for something’

THE SIX OFFERS

- Housing and living skills
- Employment
- Education
- Social connectedness
- Health/wellbeing
- Community participation



EVALUATION



Three components:

1. Process evaluation
2. Outcomes evaluation
3. Financial evaluation

- Longitudinal (time in foyers plus 12 months post-foyer)
- One of the Victorian State Government's largest evaluations
- Supporting entire community of homelessness service providers

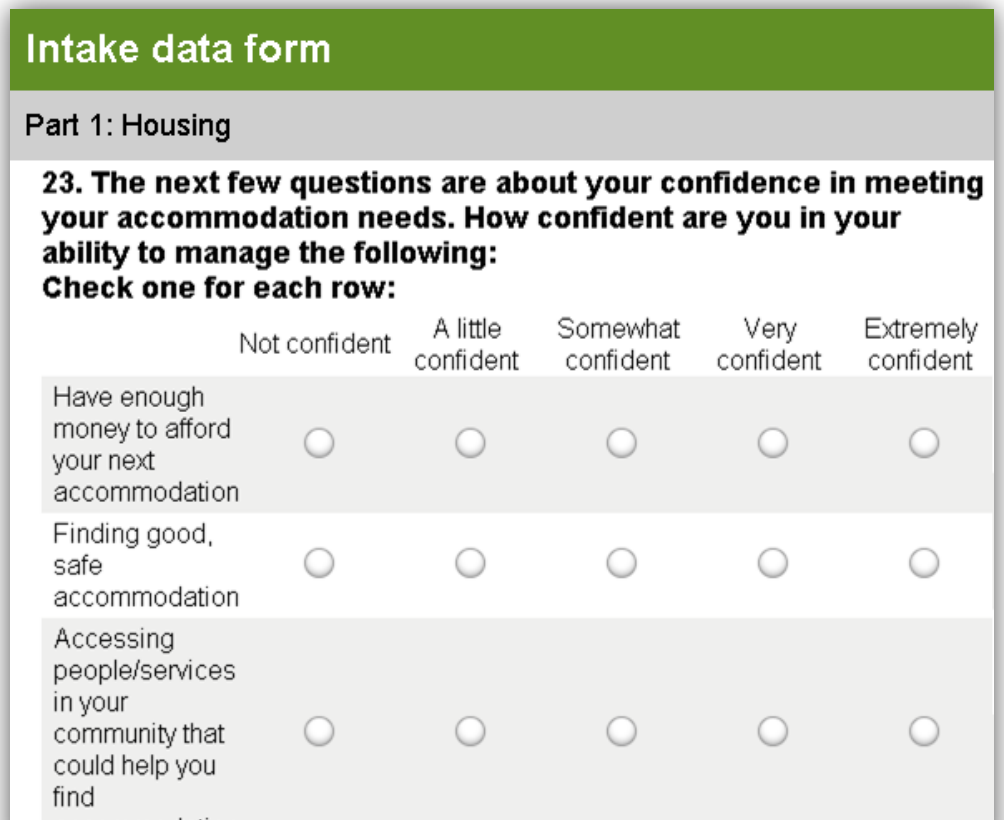
WHY EVALUATE?

- Address homelessness in Victoria
- Inform practice
- Large-scale importance
- Continued funding



SURVEY

- Students' past and present experiences (e.g., housing, education, health & wellbeing)
- Baseline, exit, and post-exit (six and 12 months)



Intake data form

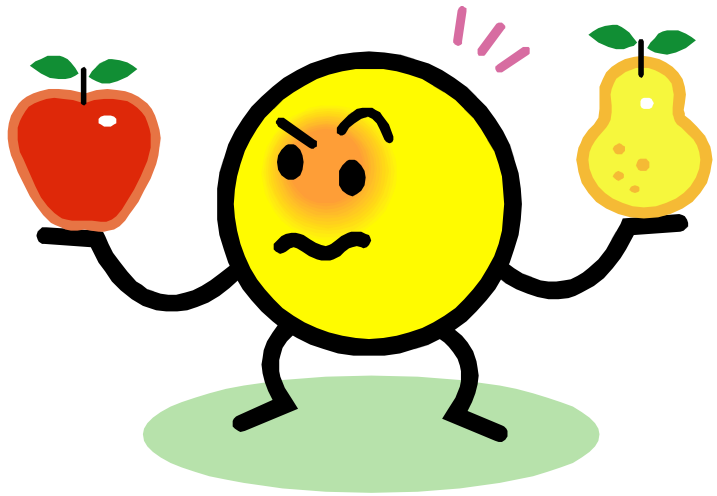
Part 1: Housing

23. The next few questions are about your confidence in meeting your accommodation needs. How confident are you in your ability to manage the following:
Check one for each row:

	Not confident	A little confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Extremely confident
Have enough money to afford your next accommodation	○	○	○	○	○
Finding good, safe accommodation	○	○	○	○	○
Accessing people/services in your community that could help you find	○	○	○	○	○

IT TAKES A VILLAGE… THANK YOU!!!

- Anchor
- Anglicare (OATH)
- Ballarat Youth Housing
- Berry Street
- Berry Street Grampians
- Brophy (Warrnambool Foyer)
- CAFS Ballarat
- Family Access Network (Box Hill)
- Fusion
- Gippsland Lakes CH
- Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services
- Hanover (South Yarra)
- Hope Street
- Junction Support (Wodonga)
- Kurnai
- Latitude Altona
- Melbourne City Mission
- Mind Australia
- NESAY (Wangaratta)
- Peninsula Youth
- Plenty Valley CHS
- Quantum (Morwell)
- Rumbalara
- Salvation Army (Brayton)
- Salvation Army (Karinya)
- SalvoConnect Women's Services
- SKYS
- St Luke's YHAP
- Time for Youth
- Uniting Care Ballarat
- Uniting Care Gippsland
- Uniting Care Harrison
- Uniting Care Werribee
- VincentCare
- WAYSS
- Wesley Mission

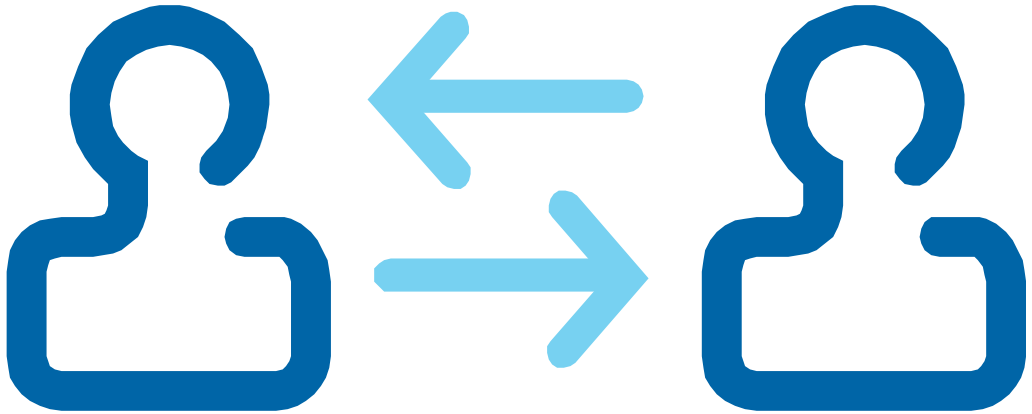


ONE EXAMPLE: SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

- Relationships (with friends, family and partners)
- Self-determination
- Social supports
- Rights and opportunities in society

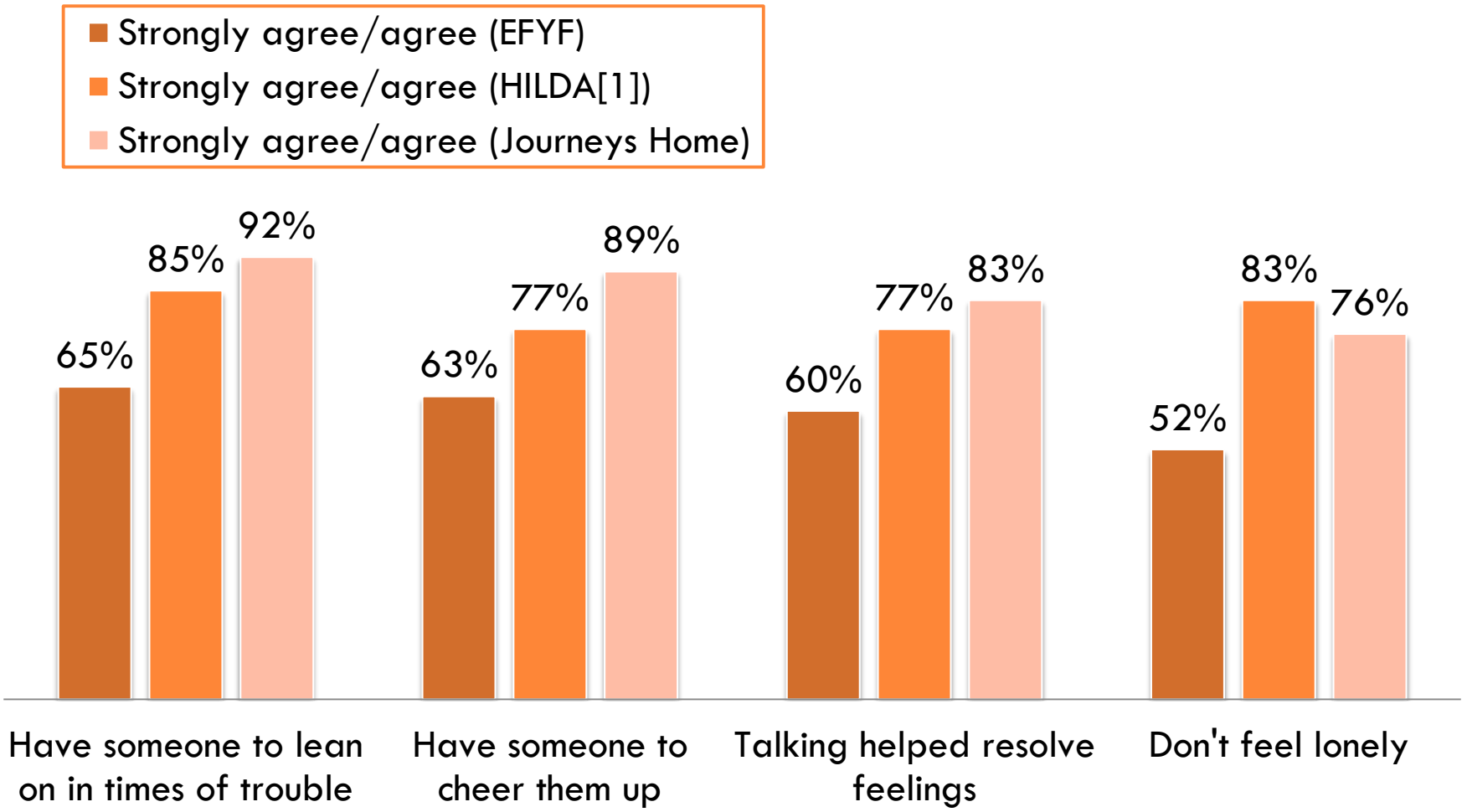


FREQUENCY OF CONTACT IS HIGH....



19 out of 20

WHAT ABOUT SUPPORTIVENESS OF RELATIONSHIPS?



GROUPS DIFFER AT BASELINE

- Less likely to report having someone to lean on:
  - Older students(ages 20-25)
  - Indigenous students and/or
  - Australian-born students
- Students who spoke a language other than English at home were less likely to agree they had social rights.

EDUCATION FIRST YOUTH FOYER APPROACH

Community linkages



Peer activities

Specialist services

INTEGRATION IS KEY…



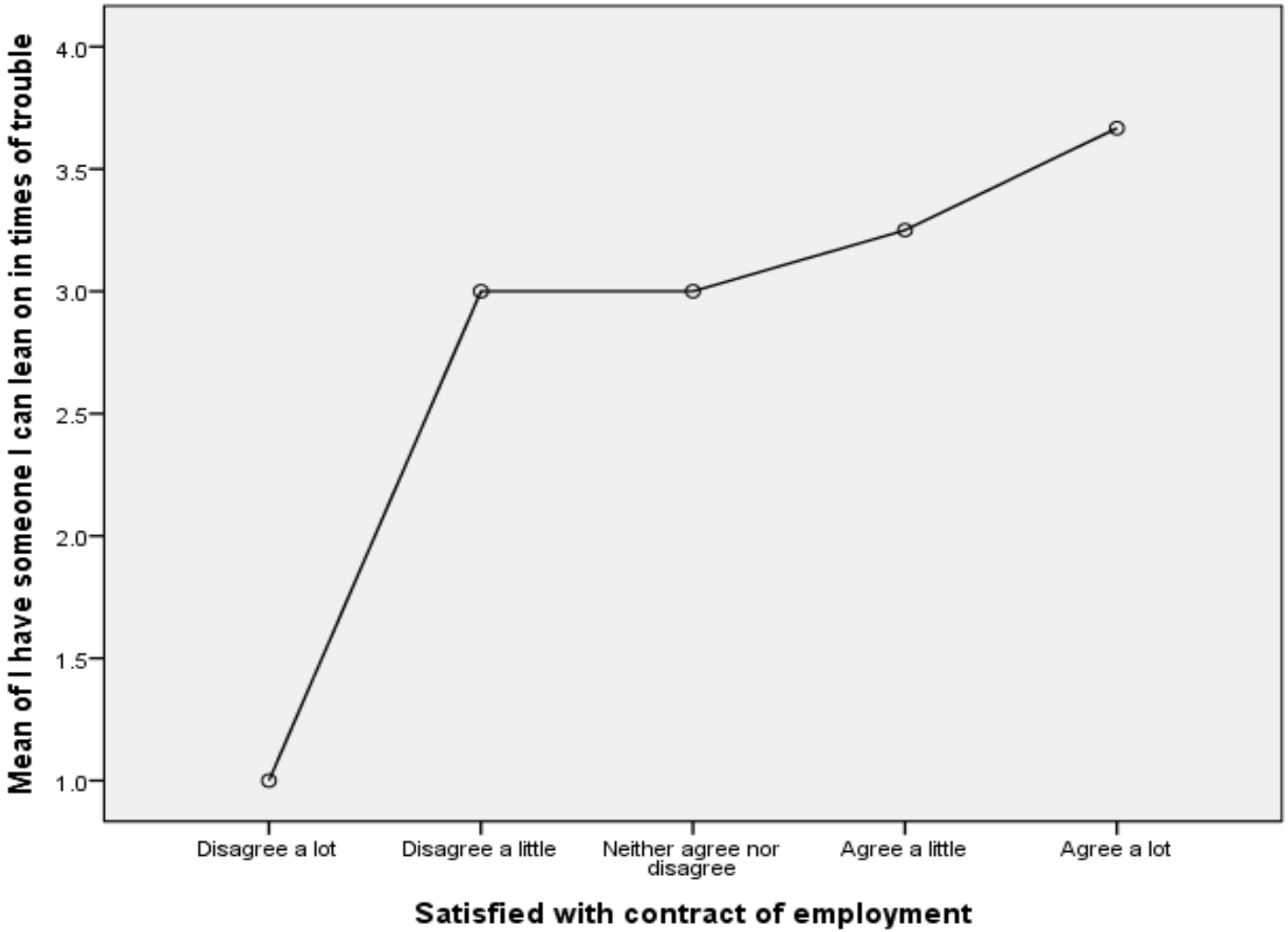


NOT ALL FINDINGS LINEAR…



- Students who were employed were more likely to report ***lower*** levels of self-determination than their unemployed counterparts.
- Why???

SOCIAL SUPPORT & EMPLOYMENT





FUTURE STEPS FOR EFYF EVALUATION

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FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND CONNECTIONS

- Cross-sector collaboration
- Sharing of best practices
- Policy impact



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