



Independent Living Program

PROGRAM BULLETIN

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In January of 1999 we received a letter from a person, responding to an employment ad in the Chico paper for our Group Home program. She professed to be a graduate of the University of Nebraska with a clean driving record. She indicated she was moving to Chico in two weeks. A Nebraska graduate; with a clean driving record; sounded intriguing.

Thus began our relationship.

On April 1st we completed the transfer of the ILP from Eric James to Tami Thompson. The 1st change in leadership in the program since 1998 and for us it is an easy transition since Tami has been with the program with increasing responsibilities since 2000.

ILP has developed a strong presence in Butte County under Eric and I am sure it will continue to grow under Tami's direction.

Tami can be found at the same extension 893-2316-212 or at tthompson@youthandfamily.info.

Ralph Ward, Director
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WHAT IS A TILP? A Transitional Independent Living Plan or TILP is a document required by the state that is to be completed by a foster youth and his or her county social worker or probation officer. According to California Department of Social Services regulations, the initial TILP is to be completed when a youth is between the ages of 15 ½ and 16. A new TILP is to be completed at least every six months until the youth's dependency is dismissed. The TILP becomes part of the case plan and steers plans for self-sufficiency preparation. **A valid TILP must be in place for a youth to be referred to ILP.**

Butte College ILSP leads the state's community college ILSP's in instruction hours. Classes are scheduled for Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm at 2491 Carmichael Dr., Ste. 300 in Chico. ILP youth who attend receive valuable life skills information and credit for household goods. Call Kathy Lovelace at 897-6235 to learn more. In April and May Butte College ILSP will offer:

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| 4-1 Sat. Workshop "leadership and teambuilding" | 5-3 Independence City Preparation |
| 4-5 Spring employment skills training | 5-10 Independence City |
| 4-12 Spring Break No Class | 5-17 Employment Skills |
| 4-19 Cont. employment skills | 5-24 Teambuilding and Year End Assessments |
| 4-26 Butte College Main Campus Tour | 5-31 Budgeting and Banking |

Butte County ILP is one of the programs in Butte County to be approved by the state for Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Program funds. For the remainder of the fiscal year ILP will administer a Relative Search program designed to promote lifelong connections for emancipating foster youth. The program utilizes 4 internet search services in conjunction with information solicited from Butte County social workers, agency staff, known relatives and the youth themselves. If you have questions about this program, Alyssum can be reached at 864-8144 or 893-2316 ext. 214 or Eric James at ext. 210.

The Butte County California Youth Connection chapter is currently on hold. If you are interested in being part of CYC, call Adult Supporter, Mary Beth Flanagan at 321-6529 for chapter information. Visit CYC's website at www.cal youthconn.org.

Teens 16 and up who are in placement are entitled to ILP services*. If you know of an unreferral teen aged sixteen or up who lives in a foster home or a group home please contact ILP. ILP serves teens placed from other counties as well as Butte County teens. In order for ILP to serve youth from out of county, ILP requires a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or her county social worker or probation officer. Former foster youth aged 16 to 21, who were in placement at 16 or older, can call Butte County ILP for support in the areas of employment, housing, connecting with community resources and more. Involvement in ILP Aftercare is the ticket to ILP's START program. This program offers assistance with move-in costs and rent. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext. 231 or 1-888-893-4011. *Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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