



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
April 2008**

April Experiential Group: Classes 2 and 3 of our series were completed in March. Youth worked on the responsibility of having a checking account. The 2nd class, in March, the youth looked at all the costs and responsibilities of purchasing their first car. They learned about financing a car, buying a used car, possible scams to sell cars, insurance issues and much more. Our final two classes will be at Howell Hall, in the Downtown Mall, on April 8th and 22nd, from 4-6 pm.

Please be at the class, ON TIME, as each class takes 2 hours to complete and the class is interrupted by youth arriving late. Each youth received a workbook at the first class. The workbooks were retrieved after the class until the next one. When the series is completed the youth will be able to take their workbooks home with them.

Due to the necessity to have 2 classes in April to complete this series we will NOT be having ILP Pizza Night. However, on one night of the classes we will be bringing pizza to the class.

Foster Youth Garden: The garden is beginning to grow. The garlic we planted, last fall, is doing well. Our peas are up and a number of other plants. Thanks to Scott's great drip system, that he installed, each row is watered individually. We will have better control of the amount of water each plant needs and be able to conserve even more water.

PLEASE NOTE A DAY CHANGE FOR APRIL: We were only able to secure Howell Hall on Tuesdays for this month's experiential classes. ONLY – for the month of April we will be having our garden days on Wednesdays.

The garden will be open on Wednesdays from 4pm – 6pm. If it rains on a Wednesday we will not be working in the garden that day.

Save the Date: Make sure you save the date for the ILP Barbeque on Thursday, May 15th, from 4:30 – 7:30pm, at Anderson River Park. We will be having lots of great food and activities. We will be celebrating all of the youth who are emancipating out of the foster care system and graduating from high school this year.

Chafee Grant

The California Chafee Grant Program gives up to \$5000 annually of free money to ILP youth and former ILP youth to use for college courses or vocational school training. Talk to an ILP worker for more info or go to <http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/default.asp> ILP caseworkers are available to assist youth with scholarship applications, FAFSA forms and accessing Chafee Grants.

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