



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
April 2009**

Foster Youth Garden: We are very excited about the garden this year. Scott has the deer fencing up and the greenhouse finished. We finished our certification with the AG department. We have applied to the Shasta Growers Association to sell at the Anderson Farmer's Market on Thursday mornings, starting June 4th. Gretchen, from Victor Youth Services, has started a tremendous amount of vegetables for us. We are truly grateful for her efforts. She has them growing in the greenhouse at Victor Youth Services. We will be doing our initial planting on **April 24th**. **We hope everyone will join us for a BBQ and planting day. Everyone can grab a shovel and plant, plant, plant!!!!** We may have a fairly large group of people. There is limited parking at the garden. Please park up on the road as the parking at the garden will fill up fast.

Experiential Group: We will be having our last experiential group of the year on April 15th. **You must sign up for this group by calling Scottie at the front desk 365-9197. Please only send youth who can attend independently; without supervision.** This will be a fun "hands on" class. First, we will meet at Winco and hold a shopping contest. 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place will receive a prize. Next, we will walk across the street to Movies 10 and see a movie. **The class will begin at 4pm. Please check when dropping off a youth for the exact time to pick youth up; by then we will have a definite time that the movie should get out.**

Our May ILP group will be a luncheon, by invitation, for our youth who are graduating from high school or aging out of ILP this year.

Take Back The Night: Shasta County ILP will have a booth at Take Back the Night. Join us on April 29th – starting at 5:30pm. We will have activities at our booth for young and old. We will have information on resources for youth, the Chafee Grant, and the garden. Please join us for this important event.

Thank You: All of the staff at ILP would like to say thank you to everyone who continually supports our program. Despite the state of the economy we still have people who call and want to help us out. We continue to get donations of household furnishing for youth's first apartment. We had so much help with keeping the garden going this year. Again, thank you to everyone in our great community.

Financial Aid: 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. If you are a foster youth who is interested in attending Shasta College, next year, talk to your ILP caseworker or Barbara S. at 242-7702. Barbara is the Foster Youth Liaison for Shasta College.

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