



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
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Congratulations: Congratulations to Denise Ratliff for winning the Ed Connolly Scholarship in the category of the YESS Grant. Denise was the winner from the whole State of California. She is a student at Shasta College, works as a mentor for the YESS Grant program, helped organize the foster youth club at the college, and is currently a participant in the THPP+ Program. She plans to transfer to San Luis Obispo, to finish her bachelor's degree, in the spring of 2011.

Foster Youth Speak Out: Ten foster youth traveled to Sacramento to speak at the State Capitol, in front of the Budget Committee, that is considering cutting THPP+. The youth were extremely patient as they had to wait most of the day for their turn to speak. They spoke to the committee members and two of the governor's fiscal people. Each youth was prepared and did a wonderful job addressing the issues regarding cutting a program that is so important to them. The committee members were very impressed with the youth who spoke.

Experiential Group: Our next ILP experiential group is scheduled for April 14th, from 4:30-6:30pm, at our office, 2877 Childress Dr, in Anderson. The first half of the class will be a focus group, with a representative from Shasta County, who will be taking input from foster youth about their experiences while living in foster care in Shasta County. The second half of the class will be on transitioning out of foster care. **RSVP by April 7th to Scottie Sewart at 365-9197.**

YESS Grant Classes: Are you planning on attending Shasta College next year. Sign up to be part of the YESS Grant Program. The YESS Grant classes are three 3 unit classes that are all transferable to a university. College Success, Life Management, and Personal Finance are offered specifically for foster youth who are starting their first semester at the college. Each youth is also assigned a mentor that is a former foster youth, who is successfully attending Shasta College. The mentor will work with the youth on a weekly basis to help them learn the different resources available to them at the college or to talk about issues the youth is dealing with as they transition to the new environment.

Contact Sheri Wiggins at 242-2382 to sign up.

ILP Resource Room: Youth are now using the resource room. We have stocked the art area with supplies for mosaic projects and beading projects. Youth are able to make one art project to take home and one for ILP to sell at one of our local events.

There is also a computer available for youth to use for homework, job searches, resumes, and college. Youth are beginning to sign up on a regular basis to use the resource room so please check with your ILP caseworker to ensure that the room will be available if you are planning on using it.

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