



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
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Join us on August 1st when we partner with the Shasta County Foster Parent Association and Lilliput to welcome Dashawn Patrick who will be here to speak to our foster youth. Dashawn was in foster care and has written a book called Some Rise Above It which addresses his experiences as a foster child. We will be meeting at the Elks Lodge. We hope to make this a full day event with Dashawn speaking, lunch, prizes, and swimming. Save the date **August 1st – 9am to 3pm**.

Shasta County ILP will have a booth at Marketfest, in downtown Redding, on August 24th from 5pm-9pm. Stop by the booth and see some of the artwork our talented ILP youth have created.

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 15.5 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.

Fall session for colleges is quickly approaching. If you need help making sure that your financial aid, registration, and basic needs for college are set contact your ILP caseworker. It isn't fun to get to college and find out that you are missing that one piece of paper that makes registering and financial aid go through smoothly.

ILP will be having a drop in night on August 30th from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Stop by and have some pizza at Roundtable Pizza, in the Mt. Shasta Mall. Visit with your ILP caseworker, friends, ask questions, and relax.

Teens 16 and up that are in placement are entitled to ILP services. If you know of a youth that has not been referred aged sixteen or up, who lives in a foster home or group home please contact ILP. ILP serves teens placed from other counties as well as Shasta County teens. In order for ILP to serve foster care youth, ILP requires a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or her county social worker or probation officer. The TILP is the responsibility of the county social worker or probation officer and should be completed every 6 months, starting at age 15.5. Former foster youth aged 16 to 21, who were in placement at 16 or older, can call Shasta County ILP for support in the areas of employment, housing, connecting with community resources and more. Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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