



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
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Summer Time Fun: Come and join us for our last movie day of the summer on August 7th, 1:30pm at the Prime 11 theatre. **Please, Please, Please, RSVP to Scottie at our office, 365-9197. Last month we were not prepared for the 40 youth who showed up as only about half had RSVP'd. It is important for us to give the theatre a count on the morning of Movie Day.**

Experiential Group: We will be starting up our first experiential group on Wednesday, August 15th, from 2-4:30pm, at Howell Hall in the Downtown Mall. The first class is on how to responsibly have a checking and savings account. This is the first of a 5 part series on managing life after foster care.

Foster Youth Garden: We will be on the same schedule for the garden through August. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, there will be an adult at the garden to supervise any youth who are interested in coming out. We have been busy harvesting vegetables twice a week. We are planning to set the goal of selling vegetables at the farmers market next year. The youth had several cooking classes, in July, where they made many vegetable dishes, kabobs, spaghetti sauce from scratch and fajitas. Come on out and join us for lunch on a Tuesday.

Back to School: Are you going to be a senior this year? It is important to start working with your ILP Caseworker on your college choices, testing, applications, senior pictures, invitations, etc. Your senior year can be overwhelming and your caseworker can sit down and help you plan out all of monthly tasks you will need to take care of. November is application time for many of the colleges. Also, many schools require that senior pictures are done by November for your yearbook. Take the time to ask your school counselor for a copy of your transcripts to make sure you are on track to graduate. You should check your credits each semester to make sure that they are being counted properly and that you are taking the right classes. If you need help reading your transcript your caseworker can help you. If you want to go to college, make sure your counselor has you on the correct classes for entering college. Do you need tutoring for a class you are struggling in? ILP can help you get the support you need to pass your classes.

Transitional Housing: Are you close to 17? Are you ready to start the process of living on your own? Did you know that you can move into a transitional housing apartment and learn the skills that you need to eventually live on your own? Did you know that part of your foster care money will go into a savings account so that when you leave foster care you will have some money to get started? THP (transitional housing programs) allows you to shop for your own food, cook your own food, and learn to start managing your own free time. Ask your ILP Caseworker about one of the transitional housing programs available for foster care youth.

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