



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
August 2009**

Foster Youth Garden: Youth continue to sell at the Farmer's Market. Again, this has been a great experience for youth who may not have had a chance at being employed this summer. Youth unemployment is extremely high due to the economy.

I have been impressed by the youth who want to not only sell at the Farmer's Market but those who want to come out and harvest on the morning of the market. The youth have consistently asked to be put into the rotation to work the booth and harvest even though they arrive at the garden at 6am to harvest and 7am to work at the booth. They are expected to be on time and ready to go.

The youth have now taken over running the cash box, filling out all paperwork for the market at the end of the day, showing their profit, fees, and balancing this with the cash in the box.

We are also learning, as a group, what to grow and what not to grow for the market. Squash is something that we probably do not need to grow next year. We could have planted more herbs, heirloom tomatoes, potatoes, and corn as there seems to be a better market for these.

Aftercare youth have the vegetables available to them at anytime to supplement their groceries. Any left over vegetables we have each week are shared with the Family Center for bio families or People of Progress.

The youth will also start selling their art projects in a couple of weeks. We will have a booth next to our vegetable booth. The youth who have consistently worked at the garden get first choice of doing one of our art projects when they come out to the garden each week. This week they finished making stepping stones and will start working on trivets in the next week or so. The stepping stones and trivets are a mosaic design. The projects will be available at the Farmer's Market for a donation.

Foster Youth Garden Work Day: Tuesday from 9:30am-11:30am. The staff pick two youth who have been consistently participating at the regular garden work days to sell at the Thursday Farmers Market.

Movie Day: Join us for our last movie day of the summer on August 12th, 11:30 am, at the Prime 11 Theater in Anderson. We had a lot of fun during this month's movie day. The youth were given a choice between Transformers and I Love You Beth Cooper. We had a good turn out and lots of popcorn. **Please only send youth who can attend on without the supervision of an adult.**

REMINDER!!! RABA Bus Youth Passes: Redding Area Bus Authority is now selling youth bus passes for youth ages 6 – 17. The passes are 29 dollars and are good for unlimited riding for 1 month. This is a 20 dollar savings from the adult pass. Passes can be purchased at the RABA station near California Street...

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