



Independent Living Program

PROGRAM BULLETIN

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Butte College ILSP leads the state's community college ILSP's in instruction hours. Classes are scheduled for Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm at 2491 Carmichael Dr., Ste. 300 in Chico. ILP youth who attend receive valuable life skills information and credit for household goods. Call Kathy Lovelace at 897-6235 to learn more. In November & December Butte College ILSP will offer:

12-7 Catalyst Presentation

12-14 Nutrition and Cooking Including Health and Safety Issues

12-21 thru 1-4 NO CLASS- Winter Break

1-11 Goal Setting and Decision Making

1-18 CYC Poetry Project

1-21 Sat. Workshop "Leadership and Team Building"

1-25 Financial Aid Workshop

Butte County ILP is one of the programs in Butte County to be approved by the state for Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Program funds. For the remainder of the fiscal year ILP will administer a Relative Search program designed to promote lifelong connections for emancipating foster youth.

The Butte County California Youth Connection chapter meets at Youth & Family Programs in Chico. Teens in foster care and group homes in Butte County-**this is your organization**. You can be a part of an organization that can change your life as well as the lives of others. ILP youth who attend can earn incentives for attending. Call Adult Supporter, Mary Beth Flanagan at 321-6529 for chapter information. Visit CYC's website at www.calyouthconn.org.

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 ½ 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.

ILP encourages foster youth who are seniors to begin thinking about saving for year books and senior pictures. ILP suggests that ILP youth work with their ILP workers to set goals tied to incentives now. ILP youth could apply incentives earned toward senior year expenses.

ILP would like to remind youth interested in going to college to talk to their ILP workers. ILP can help youth fill out FAFSA forms and help look for other scholarship options.

The Butte College Community Giving Tree at the Chico Mall starts on Nov. 18th and runs through Dec. 24th. Butte County ILP is one of 14 non-profits involved in this project. Stop by the tree and take a card of an ILP youth or volunteer at the giving tree. Come visit the ILP staff when they are at the tree on Dec. 9th. If you are interested in volunteering at the tree or have any questions, call 897-6235.

REMINDER: Youth who are in placement on their eighteenth birthdays are eligible for no share of cost MediCal (4M) until their twenty-first birthdays. Butte County dependents are enrolled in this program when they age out of foster care. Former foster youth placed in Butte from other counties can access this benefit through their Butte County ILP caseworkers.

Teens 16 and up who are in placement are entitled to ILP services*. If you know of an unrefereed teen aged sixteen or up who lives in a foster home or a group home please contact ILP. ILP serves teens placed from other counties as well as Butte County teens. In order for ILP to serve youth from out of county, ILP requires a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or her county social worker or probation officer. Former foster youth aged 16 to 21, who were in placement at 16 or older, can call Butte County ILP for support in the areas of employment, housing, connecting with community resources and more. Involvement in ILP Aftercare is the ticket to ILP's START program. This program offers assistance with move-in costs and rent. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext. 257 or 1-888-893-4011. *Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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