



**SHASTA COUNTY  
INDEPENDENT  
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN  
December 2005**

Shasta County ILP has 20 youth who are in their own apartment for the first time. Many of them do not have families to spend the holidays with. If you would like to donate a Christmas gift for these young adults please drop them off at the Youth and Family office in Anderson, 2877 Childress Ave. The teens are 17-21 so any newly wrapped, age appropriate, gift would be appreciated.

The December ILP group is by invitation. We have invited the teens who have participated in the other ILP classes up to this date. We will be having an etiquette dinner at the Cattleman's restaurant in Redding. We will be teaching the standard basics of etiquette followed by a great dinner and prizes. We have already sent the invitations out. If you received an invitation please RSVP by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Annette is continuing her community project for the aftercare youth. She has obtained a storage unit and is collecting items for aftercare youth's first apartment. We are also in need of some good shelving for the storage unit to organize the items. If you have anything you would like to donate please contact Annette at 365-9197.

There will not be a Shasta College ILS group this month. Colleen has given us the information for January's group. This group will cover financial aid (student loans, Chaffee Grant, other options). The date is January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 4-6 at Northern Valley Catholic Social Services. Please RSVP to Colleen Oshier by January 2<sup>nd</sup>. This class is very important if you plan to attend college in 2006.

The California Chaffee Grant Program gives up to \$5000 annually of free money to ILP youth and former ILP youth to use for college courses or vocational school training. Talk to an ILP worker for more info or go to <http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/default.asp> ILP caseworkers are available to assist youth with scholarship applications, FAFSA forms and accessing Chaffee Grants. Social workers and probation officers please start looking for verification letters that will be sent to you from the Chaffee Grant Program. These letters need to be returned with your signature and the ILP coordinators signature for the grant to be processed.

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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