



**SHASTA COUNTY  
INDEPENDENT  
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN  
December 2008**

**Financial Aid Time:** January is financial aid time. Start putting those important dates on your calendar. We encourage all seniors to apply for financial aid, even if they are not sure that they want to go to college. It is easier to have your financial aid in place then to try and apply at the last minute. You can always turn it down later.

January: FAFSA/CAL Grant/Dorm Deposits

Why should you consider living in the dorms? You live right on campus – you don't need a car – you have the cafeteria and stores right on campus – you can cook in the community kitchen. Your financial aid will pay for your housing. You can go to the library to study, use a computer or print a paper. The dorms have movie check out, a big screen TV in the community room and you aren't alone in an apartment. You can get up 15 minutes before your class starts and still make it on time ☺!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If you live off campus you have to pay rent, utilities, find transportation to and from school, and own your own computer and printer. Yes, the rooms are not really big! Yes, there are a lot of people around! Yes, you don't have your own kitchen but the positives of the dorms out way the negatives. Talk to your ILP Caseworker if you are interested in taking a tour of the dorms.

**ILP Pizza Night:** ILP Pizza Night has been cancelled for the month of December due to the holidays and preparation for Etiquette Dinner. We will resume Pizza Night in January.

**Experiential Group:** The December ILP group is an Etiquette Dinner that is by invitation only. Youth who have worked with their ILP caseworker on a regular basis, participated in the garden and attended ILP classes were picked to go to the dinner. Each caseworker picked youth from their case load. If you were selected you should have received an invitation by now. **Please make sure that you RSVP to Scottie Sewart at 365-9260 ext 120, by December 3<sup>rd</sup>, after receiving your invitation.** The dinner will be held at the McConnell Foundation and it is being catered by CR Gibbs.

**Foster Youth Garden:** It may seem like the garden should be all tucked away for the winter; however, Scott has been working hard on a permanent greenhouse for the garden. He is also putting up a fence to keep out those pesky deer. We are extremely grateful to him for all of his hard work. We can actually look forward to spring planting and selling at the farmers market this year.

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