



Independent Living Program

PROGRAM BULLETIN

February 2005

ILP Experiential Groups will begin in Paradise on February 22nd. Each group will begin at 4pm and end at 6pm. ILP youth who attend will receive incentives for participating. The groups will focus on preparation for self-sufficiency and cover purchasing and owning a car, renting an apartment, consumer skills, employment tips, and networking with peers. These groups may not return to Paradise until next year-don't miss out! ILP youth residing in the Paradise/Magalia area will be invited. Contact ILP for information.

ILP youth express yourself! ILP needs your poems and other art work for possible inclusion in a booklet to be distributed throughout Butte County. Butte County ILP has designed this project to raise funds for the Butte County California Youth Connection chapter, spread awareness, and inspire. Submissions that focus on overcoming difficult situations, moving toward adulthood, or looking toward the future will be strongly considered for inclusion. Space is limited so get your work in early! All materials must be turned in by March 10th. Give your submissions to your ILP worker or mail them to: Butte County ILP, 2577 California Park Dr., Chico, CA 95928.

Interested in driving school? ILP has begun paying for driving school for youth involved in ILP. Talk to an ILP caseworker to find out the details.

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 February and March Butte College ILSP will offer:

2-2	Nutrition & Cooking	3-2	Job Corps (TENTATIVE)
2-9	Drugs and Alcohol Info	3-9	Banking and Budgeting
2-16	Drugs and Alcohol Info (cont.)	3-16	ILSP Store
2-23	CLIC-Legal Info/Advice	3-23	NO CLASS-Spring Break

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.chaffee.csac.ca.gov/default.asp>. ILP caseworkers are available to assist youth with scholarship applications, FAFSA forms and accessing Chaffee Grants.

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 has recently made this automatic for Butte County dependents. ILP youth placed in Butte from other counties can access this benefit through their Butte County ILP caseworkers.

ATTENTION ILP YOUTH AND YOUTH ADVOCATES! You are invited to help change the foster care system. You can be a part of an organization that can change your life as well as the lives of others. CYC is made up of foster youth and adult supporters just like you. Butte County CYC meets twice monthly at Youth and Family Programs in Chico. Call 893-2316 ext. 261 to hear current Butte County CYC chapter information or leave a message. *CYC's continued success will be dependent on a strong team of adult supporters-CYC needs additional adult supporters. Join the fun!* Visit CYC's new website at www.calyouthconn.org.

Youth in Transitional Housing are eligible for educational support services through Butte County Office of Education's School Ties Program. School Ties services include assistance with school enrollment, college, the GED or CHSPE, tutoring, and many other education related areas. Some ILP Aftercare clients are eligible for School Ties also. Call School Ties at 532-5745.

Teens 16 and up who are in placement are entitled to ILP services*. If you know of an unreferral 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. 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 and TBRA II programs. These programs offer move-in cost payment and rent subsidy for up to a year. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext. 257 or 1-888-893-4011. *Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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