



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
February 2009**

Foster Youth Garden: We are on track to plant the garden on April 23rd. ILP is planning to sell at the Farmers Market, at the Anderson Factory Outlets, on Thursday morning's beginning in June. Selling at the market is contingent on being approved by the Shasta Growers Association and the Agricultural Department. Scott has been working on a new fence to keep the deer out and a greenhouse that won't blow away in the wind. Due to the economy we are looking for donations this year. If you can contribute any of the following items one of the ILP staff would be happy to pick them up. We are looking for items that are in good shape and that do not need repairs:

Garden tools, seeds, starter plants (in April), 2 folding tables for the market, 4 folding chairs for the market, sturdy boxes used at farmers markets to display the fruits and vegetables.

If you have items to donate please contact Lisa Goza at 365-9260 ext 120.

If you are an adult who is willing to be fingerprinted and is interested in working at the garden with our youth please contact Lisa at the number listed above.

Experiential Group: The topic for the February experiential group is Domestic Violence and Relationships. The group will be held on February 26th from 4-6:30pm at Howell Hall in the Downtown Mall.

Financial Aid: Please remember that the due dates for applying for financial aid, for the 2009/2010 school year, are fast approaching. If you want to qualify for the CAL Grant you must have your FAFSA and GPA verification done by March 2nd 2009. If you are a senior you can apply for financial aid even if you change your mind. It is better to have the paperwork done then to wait and try to apply at the last minute. Contact your ILP Caseworker if you need help with the process.

ILP Pizza Night: Pizza Night will be held on February 5th, from 4-6pm, at the Round Table in the Mount Shasta Mall. This is a time to enjoy visiting with other ILP youth and to catch up with your ILP Caseworker. **Please only send youth who can attend unsupervised.**

Transitional Housing: The Transitional Housing Placement Program is available for foster youth ages 16-18. The recommended age is 17. Youth need to be able to spend at least 6 months to 12 months in the program. Part of the youth's foster care money is put into a savings account for their emancipation. The Transitional Housing Placement Plus Program is available for emancipated foster youth ages 18-24. There is currently a waiting list for this program. Contact your ILP Caseworker for program requirements if you are interested in either of these programs.

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