



**SHASTA COUNTY  
INDEPENDENT  
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN  
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**Experiential Group:** The experiential group, for the month of January, will be held at Shasta College on January 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 in room 2209. Barbara Shufflebeam, Foster Youth Liaison for Shasta College, will be working with youth who need to complete their financial aid for college. We encourage ALL seniors to attend this class as it is easier to apply for college and financial aid now, even if you change your mind later. If you do not apply now and change your mind in June or July you may lose out on some financial aid, work study or a chance at the dorms.

The class will cover:

- Applying for the FAFSA
- Applying for the Chafee
- The FAFSA will generate an application for the CAL Grant if you qualify (Barbara will have the information)
- Applying for Shasta College if you are interested in attending college there. (You are allowed to put more than one college on your financial aid application.)

Shasta County ILP will provide pizza \*\*\*\*\*

**Thank you:** Shasta County ILP would like to thank the McConnell Foundation for donating the use of a room for the ILP Etiquette Dinner. The Foundation also provided all of the beverages for the dinner. CR Gibbs did a wonderful job with the catering. The food was delicious. The youth had a great time. The boys got their exercise standing up every time one of the girls needed to leave the table or return to the table. We had a lot of aftercare youth this year who all appreciated receiving a gift for their apartment.

**Graduation and Transitioning:** If you are a senior and will graduate in June you will also be transitioning out of the foster care system. This is a big time for change in most foster youth's lives. Here are some things to start talking about with your ILP caseworker.

- Do you have all of your documents in order before you leave (birth certificate, CA ID, social security card)
- Have you applied for college?
- Where will you live (dorms, apartment) – couch surfing gets old quick!
- Are you trying to work part-time so that you have enough money for an apartment or to start out on your own? Many aftercare youth are facing up to \$1000.00 for apartment deposits right now. If you are under 21 many apartment managers want a cosigner or a larger deposit.
- Contact your ILP caseworker to make sure you have a plan set up for the next 6 months.

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