



PROGRAM BULLETIN

July 2005

Independent Living Program

The next round of ILP Experiential Groups will begin in Chico on August 2nd. The group will meet each Tuesday from 4pm to 6pm for six weeks. ILP youth who attend will receive incentives for participating. These casual, fun activities cover topics such as buying and owning a car, consumer skills, employment tips, and networking with peers. Youth in the Chico area can contact their ILP caseworkers for information.

“Moving Out, A Budgeting Guide for Transitional Housing and Beyond” is a budgeting guide for teens and young adults available on the Butte County ILP website. This resource can be downloaded at http://www.youthandfamily.info/our_programs/moving%20out.pdf.

Expressions From Foster Care 2005, a booklet of poems and art created by Butte County ILP youth, is available! The booklets sell for \$2 and all proceeds go to the Butte County California Youth Connection chapter. To get yours talk to ILP staff or pick one up at Youth and Family Programs or the Butte College Foster Kinship Care Education/Independent Living Skills Program office in Chico. ILP thanks all of the youth who contributed. ILP also thanks Butte College FCKE/ILSP for coming on board and assisting ILP in the production of the booklets.

The Butte County California Youth Connection chapter will be meeting at 5:30 on July 26th at Youth & Family Programs in Chico. Teens in foster care and group homes in Butte County-**this is your organization**. You can be a part of an organization that can change your life as well as the lives of others. ILP youth who attend can earn incentives for attending. Call Adult Supporter, Mary Beth Flanagan at 321-6529 for chapter information. Visit CYC's website at www.cal-youthconn.org.

Butte County Transitional Housing Placement Programs or THPP's are some of the most active and varied in the state. Remi Vista, Youth and Family and Youth For Change each offer unique programs. ILP encourages youth, care providers, and social workers to become familiar with each. Frequently Asked Questions sheets for each program are available. Our county's THPP's, Butte County CSD, Community Care Licensing, Butte County Office of Education School Ties and ILP meet on a regular basis. Interested parties can contact ILP if they are interested in sitting in on one of the meetings.

Butte College ILSP has completed another successful year. This program leads California community college ILSP's in instruction hours. ILP youth who attend receive valuable life skills information and credit for household goods. The program is on summer break. Call Kathy Lovelace at 897-6235 to learn more.

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.

Check out ILP's job clipboard. New jobs are added each day. ILP youth can access this fantastic resource at the ILP office. ILP thanks Damian at the Oroville One Stop for sharing these fantastic job leads.

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. Former foster youth placed in Butte from other counties can access this benefit through their Butte County ILP caseworkers.

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. In order for ILP to serve youth from out of county, ILP requires a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or her county social worker or probation officer. 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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