



## Independent Living Program

## PROGRAM BULLETIN July 2006

Butte County ILP is one of the programs in Butte County to be approved by the state for Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Program funds. Relative locator is a program designed to promote lifelong connections for emancipating foster youth. The program Utilizes 4 internet search services in conjunction with information solicited from Butte County social workers, agency staff, known relatives and youth themselves. This opportunity has had a wonderful success rate. In the month of June, Relative locator located 119 relatives and contacted 32 relatives. The total number of discovered relatives in the month of June was an outstanding number of 485 relatives. If you have questions about this program, Alyssum can be reached at 864-8144 or 893-2316 ext. 214 or Eric James at ext. 210.

Are you a former foster youth between the ages of 18-21? If so we would like to invite you to join us for some fun and food! We are calling this exciting event 'Aftercare Drop in Day' where all former ILP youth can get together with their peers and workers for support and guidance. If you are in the midst of a confusing transition in your life and desire some free help this is the place to be or if you just want to come by for a minute for some good conversation and food feel welcome. Dates and Times:

- The second Thursday of every month in Oroville from 4-5:30pm. 1881 Robinson St.
- The fourth Thursday of every month in Chico from 4-5:30pm. 2577 California Park Dr.

If you are interested in attending the July ILP workshop held in Chico please contact your ILP worker for further information.

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 897-6237 to learn more. There will be no classes in July due to summer break. Classes will start back up on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Butte County California Youth Connection chapter is currently on hold. If you are interested in being part of CYC, call adult supporter, Tami Thompson at 893-2316 ext 212 for chapter information. Visit CYC's website at [www.calyouthconn.org](http://www.calyouthconn.org).

Teens 16 and up who are in placement are entitled to ILP services\*. If you know of an unrefereed teen aged sixteen or up in a foster home or 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 out of county, ILP require a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or hers 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 areas of employment, housing, connecting with community resources and more. Involvement in ILP aftercare is the ticket to ILP's START program. This program offers assistance with move-in costs and rent. Call ILP Aftercare at 893-2316 ext 231 or 1-888-893-4011. \* Contact ILP To determine eligibility

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