



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
June 2008**

**Thank you to everyone who helped to make the ILP BBQ successful. The youth had a wonderful time. We had foster youth, foster parents, county social workers and FFA social workers.
Again, THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!**

Foster Youth Garden: We are excited that the deer have not returned to the garden, at least for now. We have had a wonderful outpouring of help in dealing with the deer. Shambani Organic Farm donated squash, pepper and tomato seedlings to replace the ones the deer ate and the frost destroyed. Wayne the owner also spent time at the garden showing the youth how to properly plant the seedlings and discussed companion planting with them. Lowes is giving us a huge discount on the fencing material which will make the cost substantially cheaper. We will be able to start fencing soon.

School will be out for the summer soon so the garden schedule will be changing. It is much easier to work in the garden, in the mornings, during the summer. We are already harvesting peas and the garlic is almost ready. We are currently harvesting artichokes. The deer don't seem to find those quite as attractive.

- **The schedule for the garden, for the summer, is as follows:**
- **June: Tuesdays – 9am-11:30am**
- **July: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am – 11:30 am**
- **August: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am – 11:30 am**

Summer Movie Days: Movie days are back for the summer. Join us at the Anderson Prime 11 movie theatre on **June 18th, July 9th, and August 6th. We will meet at the theatre at 12:00pm.**
PLEASE ONLY SEND YOUTH WHO DO NOT NEED TO BE SUPERVISED.

College Bound: Congratulations to all of the high school seniors who will be heading off to college. Most of our youth are attending Shasta College. However, we have a youth going to West Virginia for Art School and a youth going to into the military. Thanks to our great foster youth liaison, Barbara S., at Shasta College for all of her work in coordinating services for our youth. This year we have a record number of 13 ILP youth who are signed up for the dorms. Steve C. who runs the dorms has been working with ILP to make the transition to college easier for our foster care youth.

Transitional Housing: What is transitional housing and who is eligible? The current transitional housing program is for youth 16-18 who are in foster care. Youth live in an apartment with a mentor who is usually in their 20's. You have your own bedroom and are responsible for getting yourself up and going to school each day, shopping and cooking for yourself, and following the curfew rules. Youth are expected to be home by 10pm on weekdays and 12am on weekends. You are in charge of your own budget and learn to pay your rent, utilities and part of your money goes into a savings account. You receive 100.00 a week for food and other necessities. What can you do to prepare yourself to transition into transitional housing?

- Make sure you are on track with your schooling (attendance, grades, behavior)
- If possible start looking for a part-time job as it will be required once you are in THP
- Talk to your social worker or probation officer about goals he/she may have for you to be able to enter THP

- Start working on some independent skills in your foster home, cooking, doing your own laundry, cleaning up after yourself.

Talk to your social worker or ILP caseworker if you are interested in transitional housing.

Independent Living Program: Teens 16 and up that are in placement are entitled to ILP services. If you know of a youth that has not been referred aged sixteen or up, who lives in a foster home or group home please contact ILP. ILP serves teens placed from other counties as well as Shasta County teens. In order for ILP to serve foster care youth, ILP requires a current Transitional Independent Living Plan completed by the youth with his or her county social worker or probation officer. The TILP is the responsibility of the county social worker or probation officer and should be completed every 6 months, starting at age 15.5. Former foster youth aged 16 to 21, who were in placement at 16 or older, can call Shasta County ILP for support in the areas of employment, housing, connecting with community resources and more. Contact ILP to determine eligibility.

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